

Question for written answer E-001947/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Request for the human rights referred to in Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement to be determined

Bearing in mind that:

- the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, is the legal basis currently governing the relations between the EU and the State of Israel;
- the respect for democratic principles and fundamental rights is a fundamental element of all association agreements signed by the EU;
- Article 2 of the Association Agreement with Israel explicitly states that ‘Relations between the Parties, as well as all the provisions of the Agreement itself, shall be based on respect for human rights and democratic principles, which guides their internal and international policy and constitutes an essential element of this Agreement’;
- this human rights clause differs both in terms of wording and scope from similar clauses contained in association agreements with other countries; what is more, this is the only Euro-Mediterranean Agreement signed by the EU which does not refer to specific rights.

Can the Commission say:

Can it determine the rights to which Article 2 refers?

If not, does the Commission intend to carry out a relevant legal study through its competent department to determine whether any of the contracting parties is violating the human rights referred to in Article 2 of the Association Agreement?