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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - EU measures against Israel and against those hierarchically, morally and criminally liable for the murderous attacks launched by Israeli occupation forces in Gaza

Raw, murderous attacks launched by the Israeli occupation forces against protesters in Gaza using live ammunition, are a disgrace to the effectiveness of EU foreign policy. Blind violence and killing of civilians constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity that give rise to criminal liability¹. The hatred and contempt shown by Israeli soldiers towards the lives of Palestinians, reflects the raw, cruel attitude of the Israeli occupying forces. The mass shooting mindset represents the occupiers' opposition to the very presence of Palestinians in the Palestinian territories. Statements² and actions by Israeli officials, such as the Minister of Defence, that show disdain for human life and commit mass crimes will be judged by the International Criminal Court. But mass violations and disdain for inalienable fundamental rights hold the EU and each Member State equally liable, since they have not taken immediate effective action forcing Israel to comply with international human rights law, international humanitarian law and the law of war.

Why does the VP/HR not recommend to the Council the immediate suspension of the Association Agreement with Israel on the grounds of successive raw violation and disdain for fundamental human rights?

Which Member States of the Council oppose the suspension of the Association Agreement?

When will the VP/HR identify the Israeli officials hierarchically, morally and criminally liable for those violations as personae non gratae?

¹ <https://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=180408-otp-stat>

² <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-43709737>