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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - The role of the EU in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Trump has once again defied the international community and broken with hard-won consensus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, this time by moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem, despite the convention of not establishing diplomatic missions there.

We have heard High Representative Mogherini's remarks and the request for an independent investigation into the Israeli army's deadly attacks on Palestinian civilians, which was vetoed by the United States in the United Nations Security Council. However, Israel continues to impose a blockade on Gaza that violates international humanitarian law and the fundamental rights of those living there, whilst trade relations (including arms sales) between the EU and Israel are not only unaffected but are growing.

Have we not had enough declarations condemning Israeli attacks given that, in addition to the more than sixty dead, the wounded have suffered unprecedented bullet wounds that are leading to amputations and other life-changing injuries? Will there be no consequences for EU-Israel political and trade relations?

What action will the Commission take against Member States that violate UN and EU resolutions on the moving of embassies and arms sales respectively?