

Question for written answer E-003023/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Commission action regarding the Freedom Flotilla Coalition's attempt to end the Gaza blockade

The Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC) has launched another campaign to restore the free movement of persons and goods to and from the Gaza Strip, around which Israel has imposed an illegal blockade. In previous campaigns, the Israeli army has boarded or destroyed the FFC's boats and many activists have been arrested. In fact, in 2010, the Israeli army raided the flotilla in international waters and killed nine people, all members of the flotilla.

- 1) What is the Commission's view on the FFC's protest actions?
- 2) What diplomatic measures will the VP/HR take to prevent Israel causing any incidents?
- 3) Is Israel allowed to intercept the FFC's boats if their skippers try to dock them at the Gaza Strip?