

**Question for written answer E-001493/2019**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Miguel Viegas (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - European multinationals are promoting the colonisation of Palestine

A number of European multinationals are at present directly implicated in Israel's policy of colonisation, notably in the construction of the Jerusalem Light Rail. These companies include Alstom, Schneider Electric, Thales, Egis Rail, Systra, Artelia and Sixense Soldata. They intervene either directly or in partnership with local promoters, such as Israel Railways, the Jerusalem Mass Transportation Plan (JTMT) or the Tel Aviv Metropolitan Mass Transit System (NTA).

The eastern part of Jerusalem is now illegally occupied and annexed by Israel in defiance of international law. This transport infrastructure is actually part of a broader policy of linking the Jewish settlements to Jerusalem. At the same time, construction work on the so-called separation barrier, which excludes most of the Palestinian neighbourhoods, is continuing, placing them outside the administrative boundaries of Jerusalem.

Will the High Representative say how she views this situation and what measures she will take in practice to prevent EU multinationals from flouting United Nations resolutions and thereby objectively hampering any political solution aimed at the creation of a Palestinian State?