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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Reaction to ambassadors' report on Jerusalem

Far from improving, the Israel-Palestine conflict is actually getting worse every year. On top of the blockade and military interventions in Gaza, residents of the West Bank are now living under apartheid.

We recently learned of a leaked report written by the EU's Heads of Mission that states that Palestinians are increasingly isolated from political, economic and social life there. It concludes that the advance of new settlements and demolition of Palestinian homes to make way for settlers is damaging the chances that the two-state solution, which the EU backs, will become reality.

The report lists a number of recommendations and requirements for Israel to comply with. It should: uphold international law, put an end to illegal settlements in East Jerusalem, stop adopting unilateral legislation and restore Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem.

1. How will the Vice-President / High Representative ensure that these recommendations are carried out?
2. In the light of Israel's refusal to comply with international law, what view does the Vice-President / High Representative take of its relationship with Israel? What is the situation as regards bilateral agreements?
3. Why, following the unilateral US decision to move its embassy to Jerusalem, has the EU reopened trade negotiations with that country?