

**Question for written answer P-005598/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - destruction by the Israeli authorities of Palestinian schools and structures funded by the EU

The Israeli authorities have demolished six Palestinian schools in the village of Jabbet Adh-Dhib (West Bank), five of which were funded by the West Bank Protection Consortium. This follows the confiscation of solar panels which supplied energy to the buildings and the nursery school in the village of Abou Nwar.

Indeed, the authorities have destroyed a number of projects, including part of the electricity network in Khirbat-Al-Tawil in 2014, a playground in Zaatara in 2016 and around 20 of the West Bank Protection Consortium's infrastructure projects which were co-funded by the EU, Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain and Sweden.

The Israeli Government is breaching its international obligations as an occupying power but while the EU has expressed 'great concern', it has not done anything to make Israel accept that it should pay compensation for destroying development projects funded by the EU and its Member States.

1. Does the Vice-President / High Representative not think that the EU should be more forceful in its statements regarding the Israeli authorities' actions towards the Palestinian people and take firm action to oblige the Israeli Government to accept its obligations, with effective punishment for constant human rights' violations?
2. What is the total amount of the EU funding for projects that have subsequently been destroyed since 2014?