

**Question for written answer P-003055/2018**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Sofia Sakorafa (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - Repetition of request for the definition of the human rights referred to in Article 2 of the EU Association Agreement with Israel

On 30 March, I tabled my questions P-001946/2018 and E-001947/2018 with request for a written answer to the Vice-President / High Representative, Ms Federica Mogherini, requesting clarifications on Article 2 (essential elements clause) of the Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement between the EU and of the State of Israel.

Article 2 of the Association Agreement with Israel states vaguely that: 'Relations between the Parties, as well as all the provisions of the Agreement itself, shall be based on respect for human rights and democratic principles, which guides their internal and international policy and constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.'

My question was specifically about whether the Commission could define the content of Article 2 and clarify the rights referred to in that Article.

The answer I received on 5 June relates to other issues that are deliberately unrelated to the substance of the questions I tabled.

In view of the above, will the Vice-President / High Representative say:

Does the Commission know what specific rights this Article refers to?

If not, does it intend to carry out a legal study into this matter in order to ascertain, firstly, what rights it is referring to and, secondly, whether either of the contracting parties is violating the human rights referred to in Article 2 of the Association Agreement?