

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2385/05  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Contacts between Hamas and the EU

1.       Can the Commission confirm that there are numerous contacts between the EU and Hamas<sup>1</sup>?
2.       How can this be reconciled with the fact that Hamas as a whole figures on the EU list of terrorist organisations?
3.       Can the Commission guarantee that in future there will not be any contact with the terrorist organisation Hamas, which to this day continues to commit acts of violence against civilians, and that from now on the Commission will concentrate on maintaining contact with the Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, and with the Palestinians who seek a peaceful solution to the conflict?
4.       As far as the Commission is aware, do any Member States individually maintain contact with Hamas?
5.       If so, will the Commission seek to ensure that all Member States act in the same way on the knowledge that Hamas as a whole figures on the EU list of terrorist organisations and thus unequivocally oppose such contacts?

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<sup>1</sup> BBC News, Thursday, 20 June 2005, 'Israel slams EU-Hamas contacts'.