

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3411/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Considerations on the need for further protection measures to prevent possible irregularities in connection with the implementation of the EU's foreign policy instruments: Rules for participation

Under the rules for participation in its Sixth Framework Programme (FP6), can the European Community regard a legal person, created in accordance with the national legislation of an associated country and established on territory which is occupied by that country's armed forces in contravention of international law, as a 'legal entity' within the meaning of Article 2(8) of the current Regulation?<sup>1</sup> Do the rules for participation prevent the participation of Israeli undertakings which are established or which operate in illegally created settlements in the occupied territories?

Must associated countries, as a condition for their association with the European Community's Framework Programmes, accept and apply the rules for participation which the Community has to interpret and apply under the current Treaty and under international law? Has Israel undertaken to do this?

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 2321/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in, and for the dissemination of research results for, the implementation of the European Community Sixth Framework Programme.

Article 2(8): "legal entity" means any natural person, or any legal person created under the national law of its place of establishment, under Community law, or international law, having legal personality and being entitled to have rights and obligations of any kind in its own name'.