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to the Commission

Subject: Squandering of EU aid to Palestine

According to figures published by the international aid organisation Oxfam, the HSBC Bank charges the European Union more than € 1 million in transaction costs each month for processing the salaries of and payments to more than 140 000 Palestinian civil servants. In this way, millions of euros of aid for the Palestinians are being wasted.

Is the Commission prepared to put an immediate end to this squandering of aid resources and to resume direct payments via the Palestinian Authority?