

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1740/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Palestinian arms infiltration of United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) camps

In the report of the UN Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) of 18 November 2008 the Secretary-General states the following in paragraph 34:

‘As highlighted in my recent report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004) (S/2008/654), Palestinian arms inside and outside of the 12 registered refugee camps remain a serious threat to the stability and sovereignty of Lebanon’.

Can the Commission, as UNRWA’S main financial donor, specify per refugee camp (including but not limited to) the 12 mentioned by the Secretary-General:

- Whether and, if so, how Palestinian arms are threatening these camps?
- Whether and, if so, how UNRWA facilities and funds are being misused?
- Whether and, if so, how EU funds (donated to UNRWA) are being misused?
- What the exact influence of these Palestinian arms is on the camps and how they threaten the stability and sovereignty of their respective host countries?