

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2237/09
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to the Council

Subject: Threat by the EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Mr Solana, constituting interference in internal Israeli affairs

Recently, Mr Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, made the following statement concerning the likely Israeli coalition government led by Mr Netanyahu: 'Let me say very clearly that the way the European Union will relate to an Israeli government that is not committed to a two-state solution will be very, very different'.

Does the Council agree that this threat by Mr Solana to the Government of Israel, which has yet to be formed, is highly inappropriate and, as such, constitutes interference in the internal political decision-making process of the state of Israel?

Moreover, the EU is reportedly involved in efforts to create a Palestinian unity government which would by definition include the Palestinian terrorist organisation Hamas. Can the Council clarify whether it is indeed trying to bring about a Palestinian unity government which would include Hamas?