

**Question for written answer E-007302/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Bairbre de Brún (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - Israeli anti-boycott law

On 11 July 2011, the Knesset passed a new law which prohibits the boycotting of businesses, universities and social and cultural institutions based in Israel and in its illegal settlements, and imposes heavy financial penalties on civil society organisations and businesses that promote or participate in boycotts.

Under international law the Israeli settlements on Palestinian territory are considered to be illegal. That is also the publicly held position of the EU.

Will the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy speak out publicly against this law?

Has she raised the issue with the Israeli authorities?

What effect will this law have on the ability of the EU to identify products coming from illegal settlements?

What effect will this law have on EU funding of human rights organisations and NGOs in Israel and East Jerusalem?