

Question for written answer E-000064/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - The EU and colonisation in Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem

UN Security Council Resolution 2334 of 23 December 2016, in which the Security Council reiterated 'its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem', has refocused our attention on the situation in Area C of the West Bank.

The European Union, as Israel's main trading partner and as Palestine's largest donor, is in a position to influence the outcome of this conflict and in particular to aid the UN in implementing its resolutions. In this context I would ask the following questions:

1. On 11 November 2015 the Union asked the Member States to differentiate between products imported from Israel and products coming from the occupied territories. More than one year after the EU defined guidelines for this, what measures have been put in place to ensure the proper observance of those guidelines by Member States, and what have been the results of these guidelines?
2. How does the European External Action Service intend to translate into action the recommendations and demands of Security Council Resolution 2334?