Question for written answer E-002027/2018 to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Demolitions in Palestinian communities

In October 2017, the Commission and EU Member States delivered a letter to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) demanding compensation for the confiscation of solar panels that provided electricity for the school in the West Bank village of Abu Nuwar.

The Israeli military demolished the school a few weeks later.

Abu Nuwar is not an isolated case. The value of the backlog in destroyed EU humanitarian assistance in Area C amounts to EUR 1.2 million. 55 schools (not all EU funded) are at imminent risk of being demolished due to pending demolition orders.

When was the last time the VP/HR personally raised the issue of demolitions in Palestinian communities with Prime Minister Netanyahu?

Does the EU plan to seek compensation for the total of the direct financial losses incurred due to demolitions of its funded projects in Area C (i.e. + 1.2 EUR million) on behalf of the affected communities and EU taxpayers?

Is the Commission in possession of advice from its own legal services on ways of obtaining a public acknowledgment of and financial redress to the tort made to affected Palestinian communities and EU taxpayers following the destruction of the EU's aid?

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