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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - The unacceptable law on 'Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People' adopted by Israel

Shortly after the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel, an extremely racist piece of legislation on 'Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People' has been adopted by the Israeli parliament. This is a law that discriminates greatly against Arabs residing in Israel and, for example, abolishes Arabic as an official language - conduct reminiscent of an apartheid regime.

The adoption of this law has incensed Israeli Arabs and sparked an international outcry. This represents an escalation of the Israeli state's assault on the Palestinian people following the continuing killings of hundreds of Palestinians, including women and children, encouraged by the provocative US decision to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem, on the basis of the unacceptable claim that it is the capital of Israel.

At the same time, in the context of implacable imperialist rivalries in the Middle East, the EU and the SYRIZA-ANEL coalition government consider the state of Israel a 'strategic partner' - a state that kills Palestinians on a daily basis, justifying its criminal policy in the name of 'security'. Moreover, they are upgrading their joint cooperation (commercial, economic, military), and the Greek government systematically conducts joint military exercises with Israel and the United States.

How does the High Representative view this unacceptable law on 'Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People' and the escalating Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people?