

**Question for written answer E-001517/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Israeli airstrikes in Gaza

The Israeli Government is continuing to press its offensive against the Palestinian people, launching airstrikes in Gaza that are causing casualties among the populace and reducing buildings to rubble. At the same time, the provocative decision of the United States to recognise as Israeli territory the occupied Golan Heights, which were captured from Syria, on the pretext of safeguarding the security of Israel, is merely encouraging it to step up its acts of aggression against other nations, continuing to kill Palestinians, expanding settlements and taking thousands of political prisoners.

At a time of growing Israeli violence and deadly attacks on Palestinian targets, enormous responsibilities are being incurred by the Syriza Government, which, with the connivance of other mainstream political parties in Greece, is choosing to establish closer political, economic and military ties with Israel, in line with the imperialist plans of the US, NATO and EU.

In view of this:

Does the High Representative condemn the fresh Israeli airstrikes against the Palestinians and the US decision to recognise the occupied Golan Heights as Israeli territory?

Will the EU continue to establish closer economic, political and military ties with Israel, effectively legitimising its acts of provocation?