

**Question for written answer E-000541/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Palestinian organisations

The Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs reports that 135 Palestinian organisations are refusing to apply for EU funding. The reason for this is said to be that the EU requires them not to transfer funds to terrorist organisations. However, the Palestinian organisations believe that the organisations listed by the EU as terrorist organisations are in fact political parties. In January 2019, the Ministry pointed out that between 2017 and 2018 the EU had transferred more than EUR 5 million to non-governmental Palestinian organisations which promoted boycotts against Israel and had close links with Palestinian terrorist groups ¹.

1. Will the Commission state which are the 135 organisations involved?
2. How does the Commission justify the transfer of millions of euros of taxpayers' money to organisations which promote boycotts against Israel and have close links with terrorist groups?
3. Does the Commission support the boycott against Israel which is promoted by these organisations?

¹ 'Palestinian NGOs reject EU assistance over refusal to renounce ties to terrorism', Jewish News Syndicate, 31. Dezember 2019.