

**Question for written answer E-001110/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Follow-up to answer by the Commission to E-002905/2019

In its reply to question E-002905/2019, the Commission stated that it does not have information on the use of the Hermes 900 in military operations.

According to The Jerusalem Post ¹, Hermes 500 drones were first introduced during Israel's attack on Gaza in 2014 during which 37 % of fatalities were attributed to drone attacks.

The usage of Elbit's Hermes in attacks against civilians was also documented by Human Rights Watch ².

Moreover, an Israeli police report, referenced in The Intercept ³, reveals that a Hermes 450 drone (an earlier version of Hermes 900) was involved in killing four boys on the Gaza beach during Israel's 2014 attack.

In that context:

What is the Commission's position on the EU's agencies and EU Member States making use of drones that have been used in attacks against civilians?

¹ Lappin, Yaakov. 'IAF: Hermes 900 drone 'disrupts any enemy'', Jerusalem Post, 21 April 2015

² 'Precisely Wrong: Gaza Civilians Killed by Israeli Drone-Launched Missiles', Human Rights Watch, 30 June 2009

³ Mackey, Robert. 'Secret Israeli Report Reveals Armed Drone Killed Four Boys Playing on Gaza Beach in 2014', The Intercept, 11 August 2018