

**Question for written answer E-006007/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Israel's demolitions of structures in the occupied Palestinian territories

In August 2020, the Israeli authorities demolished or seized 88 Palestinian-owned structures, which displaced 202 people, and nearly 450 other people had their livelihoods or access to services affected. Compared to the monthly averages between January and July 2020, August witnessed a nearly fourfold increase in the number of people displaced and a 55 % increase in the numbers of structures targeted.

According to UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 24 Palestinian-owned structures were demolished in August, half of them by their owners following the issuance of demolition orders. Demolitions carried out by the structure owners have been on the rise in 2020, accounting for over 50 % of all demolitions in East Jerusalem, compared with 26 % in 2019.

According to DG ECHO, over EUR 2 million worth of EU-funded humanitarian aid has been demolished by Israel since 2013. Beyond the tremendous human suffering, this is a serious failure of the EU in protecting EU taxpayers' money.

1. How will the Commission compensate for the demolished assets?
2. What further measures does the Commission plan to take to prevent further demolitions in the occupied Palestinian territories? For example, will it deduct the cost of the damage from EU-Israel cooperation funding?