

**Question for written answer E-004936/2021**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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**Subject:** Israel's designation of Palestinian human rights organisations as terrorist groups

On 19 October, Israel's Ministry of Defence designated six human rights organisations (Addameer, al-Haq, Defense for Children Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, the Bisan Center for Research and Development and the Union of Palestinian Women Committees) to be terrorist groups. With this decision, taken under the 2016 Anti-Terrorism Law and the culmination of a campaign of arrests of humanitarian workers, such as the Spanish national Juana Ruiz, Israel has outlawed these organisations' activities, authorised the closure of their offices and the seizure of their materials, prohibited their funding and authorised the imprisonment of their members. These organisations are well known at the United Nations and the EU, and receive funding from Member States such as Sweden, whose development minister has spoken out against the decision, and Spain, which they visited a week ago as part of a tour of parliaments.

1. Will the Vice President / High Representative condemn this baseless slandering of six Palestinian human rights organisations that are recognised and funded by the EU as terrorist groups?
2. Will he demand that Israel enable the promotion of human rights and reconsider its decision?
3. Will he demand that Israel protect the staff of these Palestinian organisations and the European organisations working with them?