

**Question for written answer E-004138/2022/rev.1**

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

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Deportation of the French-Palestinian activist Salah Hammouri

On 18 December, the French-Palestinian human rights defender Salah Hammouri was deported against his will to France and his Jerusalem residence permit revoked, it being alleged that he failed to display due allegiance to the State of Israel. Hammouri spent more than nine months in administrative detention, evidence against him was declared secret and his right to self-defence curtailed.

Several UN experts argue that this act could constitute a war crime within the meaning of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, since Hammouri has been subject to forced deportation despite being part of a protected civilian group in an occupied territory.

In view of this:

1. What actions did the Vice-President / High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the EU representation in Israel take during his imprisonment to ensure a fair and independent investigation and trial for Hammouri?
2. What actions did they take to try to stop forced deportation and illegal revocation of his residence permit?
3. What steps does the VP/HR envisage taking next to ensure redress, the protection of Hammouri's rights, and a guarantee of non-recurrence of these illegal acts against him or other citizens in similar situations?

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