

Question for written answer E-001359/2023

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

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Subject: Independent judgment and objective assessment: the EU should demand respect for the State of Israel

For historical and cultural reasons, Israel is one of the EU's most crucial allies.

Unfortunately, Israel is increasingly the target of terrorist attacks by Palestinian extremists. Alessandro Parini, a man from Rome who had been holidaying with friends in Tel Aviv, was one of those killed in a recent attack.

It is therefore embarrassing to hear statements, declarations or any reference condemning the State of Israel, especially on the part of key institutional figures.

Three members of the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Navi Pillay, Chris Sidoti and Miloon Kothari, and the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese, have often stood out because of their lack of objectivity and impartiality towards Israel, expressing their disagreement with that state, questioning its right to be part of the United Nations and refraining from condemning the terrorist attacks suffered by Israeli cities.

In view of the above:

1. What is the view of the Vice-President / High Representative regarding the recent involvement of some of the officials mentioned above in the work of a number of parliamentary committees? Does it not believe that there should be a prior evaluation of invited experts?
2. Does he intend to speak to the UN to call for the removal of those with partisan attitudes and positions that are clearly unfavourable towards Israel?

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