

**Question for written answer E-002765/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: The EU's continued support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) following the latest antisemitic comments by Mahmoud Abbas

Last month, leader of the PLO Mahmoud Abbas made antisemitic remarks while addressing the Fatah Revolutionary Council. In his address he stated: 'They say that Hitler killed the Jews for being Jews, and that Europe hated the Jews because they were Jews. No. It was clearly explained that they fought them because of their social role and not their religion'¹. This is not the first instance of Mr Abbas displaying overt antisemitism. In fact, he has a long history of antisemitism and Holocaust denial, and these remarks are further proof of his long-held hatred toward the Jewish community.

1. In the light of these comments, can the Commission please justify how it can continue to support and cooperate with the PLO?
2. What measures, if any, will the Commission take in response to these comments?

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¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-66741336>.