

**Question for written answer E-003337/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: President of the Commission's non-neutral stance on the genocide in Gaza and the need to call for a ceasefire

Our complaint is addressed to the President of the Commission and her lack of neutrality regarding the tragedy in Gaza and the attack on the civil population which breaches international law and human rights. Flying only the Israeli but not the Palestinian flag at Berlaymont demonstrated a lack of neutrality, but Ms von der Leyen's subsequent comments this month were disproportionate against the backdrop of the massacre and genocide taking place in Gaza. We call on the President to carry out impartial diplomatic and mediation work towards a state. Humanitarian aid is not enough. We need peace, and peace can only be achieved through dialogue, which the European Union could facilitate if there is a policy change to stop the massacre in Gaza.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Commission follow the UN's position to call on Israel for an immediate, sustained ceasefire to stop the escalation of violence?
2. Will the Commission travel to Rafah to mediate to set up humanitarian corridors into Gaza?
3. Will the Commission mediate with Israel to put an end to the attacks on the civil population in Gaza?

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