

Question for written answer E-000064/2024

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: The situation in Gaza and violation of international humanitarian law by Israel

Following a six-day ceasefire, on 1 December 2023 Israel continued its organised campaign of violation of international humanitarian law, primarily in Gaza. The mass attacks on civilians, indiscriminate destruction of civilian infrastructure, forced displacement of civilian populations and mistreatment of prisoners of war point to reasonable a suspicion of war crimes and denial of fundamental human rights by the Israeli army. I would therefore like to know:

1. Will the Commission, as the EU body responsible for implementing the Treaties, examine the validity of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, which is based on respect for human rights and democratic principles (Article 2), which are now being blatantly violated in Gaza?
2. Given the escalating violence, including in the West Bank, will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, propose an EU visa ban for residents of illegal Israeli settlements and does he intend to propose to the Council of the European Union a freeze on the assets of Israeli settlers and a ban on any trade between the EU and illegal Israeli settlements?
3. What steps does the Vice-President / High Representative – or the EU – intend to take towards securing an immediate cessation of hostilities, the establishment of humanitarian corridors, the restoration of the peace process and the elaboration of a peace plan leading to the establishment of a Palestinian state and its international recognition by all Member States of the European Union?

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