

**Question for written answer E-000082/2024/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:** Call for recognition and condemnation of the events of 7 October as mass femicide

The horrific events of 7 October saw Israeli women subjected to unprecedented violence by Hamas militiamen, including rape, mutilation and other abuse. Before being put to death 'women were subjected to gang violence that shattered their pelvises, their legs were torn apart, their vaginas torn apart with knives, their breasts removed and used as footballs'. The manner and intensity of this violence reveals it to be mass femicide<sup>1</sup>.

These were not isolated incidents but rather part of a premeditated plan to inflict maximum harm, highlighting a clear gender dimension in the atrocities. It is imperative that these acts be recognised as crimes against humanity and gender-based violence.

Can the Vice-President / High Representative therefore say:

1. Whether he will take a clear and decisive stance, formally recognising these events as mass femicide and condemning those responsible for their crimes?
2. What action he will take to investigate and recognise the events of 7 October as mass femicide, considering the evidence and testimonies of the atrocities suffered by Israeli women?
3. Whether he can help ensure that those responsible for such crimes against humanity and gender-based violence are identified, brought to justice and sentenced appropriately, in accordance with international law and the principles of justice and equality?

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[https://www.repubblica.it/cultura/2024/01/05/news/lappello\\_per\\_dichiarare\\_femminicidio\\_di\\_massa\\_la\\_s\\_trage\\_del\\_7\\_ottobre-421817992/](https://www.repubblica.it/cultura/2024/01/05/news/lappello_per_dichiarare_femminicidio_di_massa_la_s_trage_del_7_ottobre-421817992/)