

**Question for written answer E-000269/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Court of Auditors' reports on Palestine

In 2000 and 2013, the Court of Auditors published reports on Palestine. These reports mention that, from 1994 to 2013, the EU provided more than EUR 5.6 billion in direct financial support to the Palestinian population.

However, the reports highlight structural weaknesses and the inadequacy of the Commission's procedures, programming framework and management system. Therefore, the Court of Auditors specifically recommends introducing performance indicators for follow-up and monitoring purposes, in order to measure the progress that has been made.

In its 2013 report, the Court of Auditors found that a major review of the EU's direct financial support to the Palestinian Authority was essential. Once again, it calls for monitoring indicators to be established and for the results achieved by the support to be measured. Furthermore, the report introduces the notion that support for the Palestinian Authority should be conditional: 'The EEAS and the Commission should apply conditionality to the future Pegase DFS, specifically by linking it to concrete progress by the PA [Palestinian Authority] on civil service reform and PFM [public finance management] reform.'

1. What action does the Commission intend to take in response to the recommendations made in the Court of Auditors' reports?
2. Does the Commission believe that the conditionality mechanism called for by the Court of Auditors has been put into practice? What is the legal basis for this mechanism?

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