

**Question for written answer E-000307/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Financing of UNRWA by the European Union and allegations of involvement of UNRWA employees in Hamas' attack on Israel of 7 October 2023

Several staff members of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) are alleged to have been involved in Hamas' attack on Israel of 7 October 2023, which left more than 1 200 Israelis dead and provoked a war in Gaza. In response, seven EU Member States have announced they will halt payments to UNRWA pending investigations, as have the US, the UK, Switzerland and Canada.

The EU, the largest donor of humanitarian and development assistance to Gaza, has quadrupled its payments of humanitarian aid since the war between Israel and Hamas broke out in October 2023. Following the allegations, the Commission announced that it would 'review' its support to UNRWA and stop planned additional funding until the end of February 2024.

1. In the light of the above allegations, does the Commission believe that UNRWA is able to fulfil the tasks arising from its mandate?
2. Taking into account the above, as well as previous irregularities in the operation of UNRWA, what specific measures does the Commission intend to take to prevent the misuse of EU money by this organisation and, in particular, to prevent its staff's involvement in terrorist activities?

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