

Question for written answer E-000466/2024

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Spain's export of ammunition to Israel at the start of the Gaza offensive

According to figures taken from the Secretary of State for Trade's statistics portal, Comex, and analysed by Alejandro Pozo, a researcher at the Centre Delàs for Peace Studies, Spain exported ammunition to Israel worth EUR 987 000. The sale took place in November 2023, when Israel had already begun its offensive on Gaza, which has killed over 28 000 people to date. Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 establishes that arms cannot be sent to countries that do not respect human rights, where there are armed conflicts, or if there is a threat to peace and regional stability. Given that Israel is being investigated by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for committing genocide:

1. What does the Vice-President / High Representative think of Spain's failure to comply with the common position on arms exports?
2. Is the Vice-President / High Representative going to ask for an explanation as to why Spain has not revoked licences for exporting arms to Israel?
3. Does the Vice-President / High Representative believe that continuing to trade arms with Israel is at odds with the preventive measures the ICJ has ordered with a view to stopping the genocide in Gaza?

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