

Question for written answer E-000568/2024

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

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Subject: Actions taken to guarantee access for MEPs to the occupied Palestinian territories, including Gaza

On 21 February 2023, a year ago today, during the official mission of the Delegation for relations with Palestine, of which I – as an MEP – was a member, I was deported from Israel after having been detained at Tel Aviv Airport for several hours until the morning, when I was expelled. During that time, the Israeli authorities showed absolutely no respect for my diplomatic immunity. Although this very serious affront to the European Parliament was denounced by both the President of the European Parliament and the European External Action Service, with a view to taking the necessary diplomatic action, it has been a year since my unjust expulsion and I have not yet received any information regarding the measures taken in relation to Israel to ensure that MEPs can access Palestine with the appropriate guarantees.

On 12 July 2023, the European Parliament adopted a recommendation on relations with the Palestinian Authority (2021/2207 (INI)), which calls for measures to ‘ensure that the Israeli authorities allow Members of the European Parliament to access the occupied Palestinian territory, including Gaza’. What actions are being taken by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to follow up on that recommendation and ensure such access?

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