

ORAL QUESTION H-0018/09
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2009
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Freezing of EU-Israel Association Agreement for breach of Article 2 on human rights

The recent war in Gaza has once again highlighted the Israeli Government's violation of international criminal and humanitarian law in its conflict with Palestine.

The EU-Israel Association Agreement contains a clause making the agreement conditional upon respect for human rights. The Israeli Government's failure to comply is obvious: the army's use of excessive and indiscriminate force resulting in civilian deaths, civil infrastructure (hospitals, universities, bridges, roads, electricity supply, sewers) damaged or destroyed, houses demolished, the fencing in and isolation of Gaza's population, arbitrary detention combined with ill-treatment and torture.

In view of this situation, does the Council feel that the current EU-Israel Association Agreement should be frozen as Israel is not observing the clause on respect for human rights?

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