

ORAL QUESTION H-0037/09
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: Problems of Greeks living in Palestine

The Greek Women's Association of Palestine reports that Greeks who are resident in the region also live under the same inhuman conditions imposed by the Israeli army of occupation as the rest of the Palestinians. In particular, the Israeli authorities render Greek passports useless by marking them with the Israeli stamp and their Palestinian identity number. This practice essentially prohibits them from leaving Tel Aviv airport and forces them to travel via Jordan, downgrading a Greek passport to the role of a visa. Other citizens of the Member States of the EU encounter similar problems in travelling.

Will the Council lodge a complaint with Israel and demand that it put an end to this practice, which is a flagrant violation of international law, in order to protect the rights of Greek citizens?

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