

ORAL QUESTION O-0006/02

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Damage caused by Israeli bombardments

During recent months several infrastructures and buildings belonging to the Palestinian National Authority, many of which were financed by the European Union and its Member States, have been destroyed or seriously damaged following Israeli military action. These include the airport and port of Gaza. This destruction directly affects the civilian population and seriously jeopardises the development of the Palestinian economy and society.

The Commission has begun an evaluation of this damage.

Is the Commission in a position to publish within the near future a list of the infrastructures and buildings damaged and the amount invested in their construction?

Could the Commission provide an updated statement of the financial aid to the Palestinian Authority and under the budget line covering measures to support the Middle East peace process?

Would not be appropriate to demand financial compensation from the Israeli government and to envisage appropriate measures in the event of a refusal?

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