

ORAL QUESTION O-0037/02

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Council

Subject: Temporary admission of certain Palestinians into various Member States of the EU

Despite its urgent requests for information, the European Parliament has been kept in the dark about the circumstances surrounding the admission of the 12 suspected Palestinian terrorists into various Member States of the European Union. That contradicts the obligation to provide information imposed on the Council by the Treaty. The European public has a right to receive answers to open questions.

Before it took its decision, was the Council aware of the identities of the suspected Palestinian terrorists?

Was the Council aware of the serious charges being brought against them in Israel, and what has it done to check whether those charges are well founded?

What will be the status in the Member States concerned of the 12 Palestinians admitted into the territory of the European Union, and how will the Council guarantee that they will not pose any threat to public order and security?

How will the Council and the host countries ensure that the suspected Palestinian terrorists do not abscond from the requisite surveillance, travel to other Member States and constitute a permanent threat to the security of European Union citizens?

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