Priority question for written answer P-001392/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: Stopover in Spain, en route to Israel, of the Overseas Santorini, carrying military fuel

The Red Solidaria contra la Ocupación de Palestina, a Spanish pressure group against the occupation of Palestine, has reported that the Overseas Santorini is carrying military fuel to Israel. This includes JP-8, a lethal aviation fuel used by the genocidal State of Israel in air strikes in Gaza. Having departed from Texas, the vessel is due to stop over in Algeciras on 30 July. It is stipulated in Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP¹ that military equipment and essential parts may not be sent to countries that fail to respect human rights, or if they pose a threat to peace and stability. Under the Spanish law on the control of foreign trade in defence material², the material in transit must be assessed and subject to an assurance that it will not be used in breaches of human rights. Given that Israel is under investigation for genocide by the International Court of Justice, and that the Court has established that Israel’s colonies in the West Bank and East Jerusalem are illegal and constitute apartheid, we have the following questions for the Vice-President / High Representative:

1. What is the Vice-President / High Representative’s assessment of Spain’s failure to comply with its legislation and the Common Position on the export of military fuel?

2. Will the Vice-President / High Representative insist that Spain does not allow the transit of vessels carrying material that will be used to perpetrate Israel’s genocide against the Palestinian people?

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