

Question for written answer P-011738/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - EU financial aid to Palestinian areas

1. Is the Vice-President / High Representative aware of the report by the European Court of Auditors which states that some EUR 1 billion in EU aid has disappeared in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank as a result of corruption and mismanagement?
2. Does the Vice-President / High Representative consider that this state of affairs is completely unacceptable, that the authorities in the Palestinian areas should be held accountable and that the money must be reimbursed?
3. What action has the Vice-President / High Representative taken towards the Palestinian authorities in the Gaza Strip and West Bank?
4. Does the Vice-President / High Representative agree that all European financial aid to the Palestinian areas should be immediately halted until this issue is resolved and the aid money is accounted for?