

**Priority question for written answer P-003268/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Action against antisemitism in the EU

On 5 November 2023, the Commission published a statement on the rise of antisemitism in Europe¹. It condemned the resurgence in verbal and physical violence against Jews, as well as the rise in anti-Muslim hatred. The Commission is promising to fight decisively against both, as well as against all forms of incitement to hatred and violence, in line with the EU strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life (2021-2030) and the EU anti-racism action plan 2020-2025.

Since 2017, in connection with its work in the fight against antisemitism the Commission has used the definition of antisemitism established by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, yet over 100 international and Israeli NGOs have signed a letter² warning that it shrinks the space for freedom of speech, activism, non-violent protest and criticism of official Israeli policy.

In light of the above, can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. On the basis of which definition will the Commission formulate the action to tackle antisemitism which it announced in its statement of 5 November 2023?
2. How will the Commission ensure that the measures it takes to combat antisemitism do not infringe on freedom of speech, freedom of association and criticism of Israel's policies and actions?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_23_5527.

² <https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/04/04/human-rights-and-other-civil-society-groups-urge-united-nations-respect-human>.