

**Priority question for written answer P-003312/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Will the Commission suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement?

Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement states that EU-Israel relations, as well as the provisions of the Agreement itself, 'shall be based on respect for human rights and democratic principles', as an 'essential element' of the Agreement.

As widely reported by UN bodies and human rights organisations, Israel is now carrying out flagrant and extreme human rights violations in Gaza, which likely amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

These include:

1. collective punishment,
2. denial of aid, food, water and fuel, precipitating a humanitarian catastrophe,
3. unlawful evacuation orders and forced displacement,
4. indiscriminate bombing of densely populated areas,
5. targeting of civilian homes, hospitals, ambulances, schools, refugee camps, places of religious worship and artistic or cultural importance, critical infrastructure, humanitarian aid convoys, humanitarian routes and journalists and aid workers.

All of these actions have been accompanied by repeated public statements of genocidal intent from senior officials in the Israeli Government.

Article 79 of the Agreement provides for an expedited suspension of the Agreement in exceptional 'cases of special urgency'. As this is now a situation of the highest urgency, with Israel in flagrant breach of its obligations, will the Commission now immediately suspend the Agreement?

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