

**Question for written answer E-001862/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU response to UNRWA disinformation campaign

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has long been the target of misinformation and disinformation campaigns, including about its staff and operations. This situation has intensified during the conflict in Gaza as the result of an increasing narrative devised to undermine and discredit UNRWA.

UNRWA is the principal humanitarian assistance structure in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as an essential service provider in the region. Against this backdrop, the disinformation campaign against it not only undermines the credibility of a UN agency, but also puts the lives of its staff at risk.

In this regard, and taking into account the EU's commitment to counteract the increasing attempts to undermine organisations operating in multilateral forums:

1. Has the Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) monitored the disinformation campaign against UNRWA during the 2019-2024 term? Will DG NEAR closely follow this disinformation activity and take specific measures to counter it during the current term?
2. Given that UNRWA has neither the resources nor the training to counter misinformation or disinformation, particularly in the context of the current conflict, will the Commission provide the necessary means and assistance to UNRWA in this respect?

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