

Question for written answer E-001887/2024

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: High Representative respecting the prerogatives of his post

In a statement made on 18 September 2024, in regards to the Israeli operation against Hezbollah in Lebanon, Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell wrote: ‘I can only condemn these attacks that endanger the security and stability of Lebanon’.

Without commenting on the substance thereof, according to Article 18(2) of the Treaty on European Union, ‘The High Representative shall conduct the Union’s common foreign and security policy. He shall contribute by his proposals to the development of that policy, which he shall carry out as mandated by the Council’.

1. Did Mr Borrell, who is still the High Representative, publish a personal opinion here or did he make this statement on behalf of the Member States as a representative of the Council?
2. In the latter case, which Council decision or declaration did he base this on, in line with the prerogatives of his post as defined by the Treaty?

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