

Question for written answer E-002450/2024

to the Council

Rule 144

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Subject: Use of European ports to further Israel's genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

According to a recent investigation, between May and September at least 25 shipments of US military cargo destined for the Israeli Ministry of Defence passed through the port of Algeciras (Spain).

This has served to enable, foster or support Israel's breaches of international law, genocide, apartheid and war crimes in the Occupied Territories of Palestine, as well as its illegal invasion of Lebanon.

In view of: the obligations set out in Common Position 2008/944/CFSP on control of exports of military technology and equipment; Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses; the rulings of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) of 26 January, 28 March, 24 May and 19 June; and the EU-Israel Association Agreement:

1. Can the Council say which European ports are being used to ship arms and military equipment to Israel?
2. What port oversight and inspection measures has the Council taken with regard to the arms trade with Israel?
3. Will it formally ask the Member States, including Spain, to ban immediately the use of ports for ships carrying military cargo to Israel?

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