

Question for written answer E-002256/2025/rev.1

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: Allegation of third-country influence on Member States' decision-making

Margot Wallström, a former European Commissioner, has made the astonishing claim that the State of Israel is controlling the Swedish Government's actions.¹ If it were true that a foreign government was exercising direct control over an EU government, then it would of course be a very big deal indeed, with far-reaching implications for the EU's efforts to counter foreign interference.

In view of the European External Action Service (EEAS)'s intelligence on the actions of third countries and the EU's commitment to combating disinformation:

1. On the basis of EEAS intelligence, can the Commission confirm or reject Ms Wallström's claim that Israel is controlling the Swedish Government's decision-making?
2. If the Commission finds the former Commissioner's claim to be unfounded, does it take the view that the claim could be regarded as disinformation that is damaging the EU's credibility in the fight against foreign interference?

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¹ <https://x.com/margotwallstrom/status/1926591477443895788>