

Question for written answer E-002434/2025

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Appropriate follow-up to report by the EU Special Representative for Human Rights

On 3 June 2025, EUobserver leaked a report by the EU Special Representative for Human Rights on the situation in the Middle East, dated 11 November 2024 and bearing ARES number (2024)8069555. The report describes flagrant human rights violations, including by the Israeli authorities. This information is directly relevant to the deliberations by the Commission and/or the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) around suspending the Association Agreement (AA) with Israel.

1. Assuming that the VP/HR does not deny the existence of this report, does the VP/HR agree that the situation described therein has not improved since November 2024?
2. Given Article 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), Articles 17(1), 21(1) and 218(9) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), Article 2 AA and the case-law of the International Court of Justice, why and under whose ultimate responsibility was the decision made not to act on the basis of this report, including by proposing the suspension of the AA to the European Council?
3. Given Article 218(10) TFEU and Article 36 TEU, why, on what legal basis and under whose ultimate responsibility was the decision made not to inform Parliament about this report or its contents, especially given the many parliamentary questions and debates on the topic?

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