

**Question for written answer E-002890/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Starvation of the Palestinian people: a form of Israeli aggression

Israel's brutal aggression against the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip continues with impunity. In addition to indiscriminate military attacks, which have claimed almost 190 000 victims – dead, wounded and missing – among the Palestinian population, Israel, after violating the ceasefire in March, has tightened its cruel and inhumane blockade of the Palestinian population in the Strip.

The entire Palestinian population of that area is at Phase 3 of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Integrated Food Security Phase Classification: 'acute food and livelihood crisis', half at Phase 4: 'humanitarian emergency' and almost a quarter of the population, 470 000 people, at Phase 5, the most severe: 'famine/humanitarian catastrophe'.

This state of affairs affects, in particular, hundreds of thousands of children, including newborns and infants, who face acute or severe malnutrition.

Can the Commission therefore say what measures it will take to:

1. Put pressure on Israel to cease its aggression and violations of international law?
2. Ensure that humanitarian aid is provided by UNRWA, the Red Crescent and other UN agencies and organisations?
3. Hold Israel accountable for using starvation as a form of aggression, including before the International Court of Justice?

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