

**Question for written answer E-003588/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: 2025 State of the Union address and sanctions against the State of Israel

The President of the Commission announced sanctions against the State of Israel in her State of the Union (SOTEU) address in September 2025. They will apparently even affect the EU-Israel Association Agreement. At the following meeting of the College of Commissioners, measures against the State of Israel were then on the agenda.

Countries that once posed an existential threat to Israel now have ties to the country through the Abraham Accords. Seeing formerly hostile states cooperate in this manner recalls the beginnings of the European integration process – it is how peace will be achieved. Israel is fighting back against the terror that seeks to destroy the only Jewish state on the planet and that also threatens us in Europe and the entire Western world. Hamas is holding hostages, and shows no signs of surrender.

1. How can sanctions against Israel contribute to peace in the current situation?
2. In hindsight, have the change of direction and alignment of the Commission President – who said in her speech that she regretted that the EU is not united, in particular on these issues – helped de-escalate the situation or just made it worse and deepened the rift?

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