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to the Commission
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Subject: Unfair competition resulting from unequal access to water in Israel and the occupied territories

EU trade policy is governed by the objective of stimulating competition and good business practices. In this regard, reports from the UN, the European Union and European embassies to Israel and the State of Palestine report of the asymmetric control and distribution of Palestinian water and Syrian Golan Heights water by Israel with regard to surface water, groundwater, rainwater, wastewater and treated wastewater.

There is a system of exploitation that favours Israeli agriculture over agriculture in the occupied territories in terms of quantity and price, meaning that the former is propped up at the expense of the latter.

The EU has instruments to prevent this unfair competition from Israeli agriculture and the illegal settlements, which also harms the competitiveness of European agriculture.

In the light of this state of affairs:

Will the Commission temporarily suspend imports of agricultural and livestock products from Israel and the settlements until there is an equitable distribution of water between Palestinians and Israelis, at the same price for both, and European agriculture and livestock farming is not harmed by Israel’s unfair use of water?

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