Question for written answer E-001323/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Israeli death penalty bill targeting Palestinians

On 24 March 2026, the Israeli Knesset's National Security Committee approved, for final readings, a discriminatory death penalty bill designed to apply exclusively to Palestinians, including through military legal structures in the occupied Palestinian territory. Executions would reportedly be carried out by hanging within 90 days of sentencing, with no possibility of pardon or commutation. The final vote on the proposal is imminent.

UN experts have warned[1] that the bill would violate the most fundamental principles of international human rights law, including the right to life, fair-trial guarantees, and the prohibition of torture and ill treatment. It would also constitute a grave violation of international humanitarian law.

In its reply to priority question P-000517/2026[2], the Commission described the proposal as discriminatory and contrary to international law, but did not address possible consequences under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement.

Can the Commission specify:

1. whether adoption of the bill would be considered a further breach of Article 2 of the Association Agreement;

2. what concrete measures it will propose or support in response;

3. whether it will update the current EU measures package, including with the addition of possible restrictive measures against those responsible?

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[1] https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/02/israel-un-experts-urge-withdrawal-death-penalty-bill.
[2] https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-000517_EN.html.