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

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Subject: State of Israel introduces death penalty for Palestinians

The Israeli Parliament (the Knesset) has passed a law authorising the death penalty for Palestinians convicted of committing ‘terrorist attacks’ by military tribunals. This includes, amongst others, Palestinians who have been arbitrarily held in prisons for years by Israel, without even having been charged, under the unacceptable regime of ‘administrative detention’. This appalling law represents a new escalation in Israel’s criminal policy perpetuating the genocide against Palestinians.

For years, the EU and the European Parliament have systematically instrumentalised the issue of the ‘death penalty’ vis-à-vis countries that have competing interests with the EU, posing as a ‘human rights defender’ in order to advance the EU’s strategy, but when it comes to the imposition of similarly inhumane laws by their own allies – such as the monarchical regime in Saudi Arabia or the State of Israel – they limit themselves to expressing hollow concerns, thus applying a double standard.

In the light of the above, what is the High Representative/Vice-President of the EU’s position on:

1. the egregious law adopted by the Knesset that sets out the death penalty for Palestinians who resist the genocide committed by the State of Israel?
2. the calls for an immediate end to the EU-Israel Association Agreement and for an immediate embargo on the sale of arms and dual-use goods by EU Member States to Israel, which adopted this despicable law?

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