Question for oral answer O-000015/2025
to the Council
Rule 142
Lynn Boylan (The Left), Kathleen Funchion (The Left), Sebastian Everding (The Left), Matjaž Nemec (S&D), Irena Joveva (Renew), Tineke Strik (Verts/ALE), Mounir Satouri (Verts/ALE), Jaume Asens Llodrà (Verts/ALE), Rima Hassan (The Left), Villy Søvndal (Verts/ALE), Barry Andrews (Renew), Anja Hazekamp (The Left), Daniel Attard (S&D), Evin Incir (S&D), Carola Rackete (The Left), Abir Al-Sahlani (Renew), Cecilia Strada (S&D), Estrella Galán (The Left), Marc Botenga (The Left), Hanna Gedin (The Left), Manon Aubry (The Left), Benedetta Scuderi (Verts/ALE), Thijs Reuten (S&D), David Cormand (Verts/ALE), Mélissa Camara (Verts/ALE), Vicent Marzà Ibáñez (Verts/ALE), Pernando Barrena Arza (The Left), Nela Riehl (Verts/ALE), Anna Strolenberg (Verts/ALE), Kai Tegethoff (Verts/ALE), Reinier Van Lanschot (Verts/ALE), Brando Benifei (S&D), Mimmo Lucano (The Left), Irene Montero (The Left), Majdouline Sbai (Verts/ALE), Maria Ohisalo (Verts/ALE), Billy Kelleher (Renew), Hana Jalloul Muro (S&D), César Luena (S&D), Regina Doherty (PPE), Rudi Kennes (The Left), Marie Toussaint (Verts/ALE), Merja Kyllönen (The Left), Rasmus Nordqvist (Verts/ALE), Cynthia Ní Mhurchú (Renew), Maria Walsh (PPE), Gaetano Pedulla' (The Left), Seán Kelly (PPE), Pasquale Tridico (The Left), Li Andersson (The Left), Carolina Morace (The Left), Ilaria Salis (The Left), Anthony Smith (The Left), Mario Furore (The Left), Özlem Demirel (The Left), Dario Tamburrano (The Left), Ciaran Mullooly (Renew), Cristina Guarda (Verts/ALE), Nina Carberry (PPE)

Subject: EU response to Israel’s planned illegal annexation and starvation of Gaza

On 5 May 2025, the Israeli Government approved a plan to illegally occupy Gaza and to expand its brutal attack on the civilian population of Gaza. This plan includes the mass displacement of civilians to the south of Gaza and an indefinite occupation of the territory in contravention of international law.

No humanitarian aid has entered Gaza since the ceasefire was broken by Israel. The UN has reported that since January 2025, about 10 000 cases of acute malnutrition among children have been identified, including 1 600 cases of severe acute malnutrition. The Executive Director of the World Health Organization’s health emergencies programme, Dr Mike Ryan, has said that the world is ‘breaking the bodies and minds’ of the children of Gaza as a result of the inaction and complicity of many world leaders.

The response from the EU represents an abject moral failure and is eroding the Union’s credibility around the world.

Will the Council:

1. demand that the planned occupation and military escalation do not proceed;

2. place sanctions on Israel in the light of their continued and flagrant violations of human rights and international law, including the weaponisation of hunger against Palestinian men, women and children;

3. end the shameful double standards and hypocrisy towards Israel and suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement?

Submitted: 10.5.2025

Lapses: 11.8.2025