

Priority question for written answer P-001865/2025

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

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Subject: Letter from the minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands urging for a review of Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement

On 6 May 2025, the minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands addressed a letter¹ to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) in which he withheld the support of the Netherlands for the extension of the EU-Israel action plan, urging for a review of Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement. According to the minister, such a review is warranted on the basis of, among other things, Israel's continued blockade of humanitarian aid and electricity supplies to the Gaza Strip and the expansion of its military operations, as well as the worsening situation in the West Bank.

The minister cites two notes from the EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights, presenting his assessment regarding international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

1. What are the consequences of the Dutch veto on the extension of the EU-Israel action plan?
2. Does the VP/HR share the assessment of the Dutch minister of foreign affairs that the current situation warrants a review of Israel's compliance with its obligations stemming from Article 2 of the Association Agreement, and will the VP/HR adhere to the minister's request?
3. Does the VP/HR commit to sharing with the co-legislators the outcome of the assessment and the two EUSR notes mentioned in the minister's letter?

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¹ https://www.tweedekamer.nl/kamerstukken/brieven_regering/detail?id=2025Z08773&did=2025D20161