

**Priority question for written answer P-003929/2026
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Unacceptable attempt to bar political forces from running in parliamentary elections in Israel

On 23 September 2026, Israel's Central Electoral Commission illegally and undemocratically made the decision to bar the Joint List and the United Arab List, Ra'am, from running in the country's parliamentary elections. It also decided to prevent Balad leader Sami Abu Shehadeh and Ofer Cassif, a Hadash party MP and leader of the Communist Party of Israel, from standing.

These unacceptable decisions, which will be examined by Israel's Supreme Court, have a serious impact on citizens' political representation. They are part of growing repression of voices in Israel that condemn the policy of genocide against the Palestinian people, the occupation and colonisation of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and Israel's breaches of international law.

Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement establishes respect for human rights and democratic principles as an essential element of the agreement.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission condemn these undemocratic decisions and call for them to be reversed?
2. In view of the decisions, on top of Israel's serious and repeated violations of international law, will the Commission propose to the Council the immediate suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement and stop EU funding to Israel?

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