

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003028/24
to the Commission
Kathleen Funchion (The Left)
(18 December 2024)**

Subject: Demolition of EU- and Member State-funded structures in the occupied Palestinian territories

In July 2024, following a meeting of the Commissioners' Group on External Action (CGEA), the Directors-General of the Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and its Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) made a formal request to the Commission's legal service, seeking legal advice regarding the demolition by Israel of EU- and Member State-funded structures in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In the request, they asked if Israel's practices constituted a violation of international law and if it 'would be possible to include provisions in Financing Agreements with Israel regarding the necessary compliance of Israel with protecting EU investments in occupied Palestinian territory'.

1. What advice was provided by the Commission's legal service in response to the request?
2. Will the Commission make the advice publicly available?
3. What repercussions will Israel face for the destruction of EU- and Member State-funded structures?

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**Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
(19 June 2025)**

The assessments of Legal Service of the Commission are part of the internal decision-making procedures of the Commission and they are not published.

On the issue of demolitions, the EU's position for the EU-Israel Association Council's 13th meeting that took place in Brussels on 24 February 2025 stated that ⁽¹⁾'The EU calls on Israel to halt continued settlement expansion and related activities, including state land declarations as well as evictions, demolitions, confiscation and forced transfers of Palestinians, which have reached record levels in the past year.

Furthermore, the EU strongly condemns the demolitions of the structures funded by the EU or its Member States and expects that Israel make good the damage in accordance with international law.

Since 7 October 2023, increased access restrictions by Israel in the West Bank have gravely impacted socioeconomic conditions for Palestinians.

The EU calls on Israel to allow for a tangible improvement of freedom of movement and access for the Palestinians, to enable accelerated Palestinian construction, as well as social and economic development in Area C, and reverse the worsening of living conditions for Palestinians in Area C'.

⁽¹⁾ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-6511-2025-INIT/en/pdf>.