

(English version)

Question for written answer E-001728/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Sophie Wilmès (Renew)
(30 April 2025)

Subject: Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network

Samidoun: Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network is linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is considered to be a terrorist organisation by the EU. Samidoun also has links with terrorist groups such as the Islamic Resistance Movement, also known as Hamas, and actively supports the latter's actions. As a result, some countries have imposed sanctions on Samidoun. Germany, for example, has prohibited and dismantled the organisation.

Given this, several MEPs sent a written question (Written Question E-003092/2023/rev.1 ⁽¹⁾) to the former Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, in 2023 to find out whether Borrell intended to propose adding Samidoun to the EU's list of terrorist organisations. He replied that such an inclusion could only be made 'on the basis of precise information and material in the national file indicating that such a decision is conforming to the requirements of CP 931' (Council Common Position of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism).

Therefore, does the Commission intend to propose adding Samidoun to the EU list of terrorist organisations?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(12 June 2025)

A listing of a group or entity under any EU regime of restrictive measures has certain legal and political requirements.

As regards the possibility of a listing under Council Common Position of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism (2001/931/CFSP) ⁽¹⁾, the main legal requirement is a decision by a national competent authority for the involvement of the group or entity in terrorist acts as defined by the same Common Position.

If that legal requirement is met, a proposal to list a group or entity is adopted only if there is unanimous agreement by the Member States in the Council. Discussion on such proposals are confidential.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-003092_EN.html
(¹) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/compos/2001/931/oj/eng>.