

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003100/25  
to the Commission  
Nicolás González Casares (S&D)  
(25 July 2025)**

*Subject:* Serious human rights violations in Gaza

In light of the Netanyahu Government's systematic killings through lethal force and famine, I ask the Commission the following:

1. Does the Commission not consider a genocide to be taking place?
2. If not, at what point would the Commission consider the human rights violations in Gaza to constitute a genocide?
3. In the Commission's view, does the President of the Commission's frequent support, in the form of statements and institutional visits, for the Netanyahu Government's external policy and acts of war foster a greater sense of impunity that has allowed serious human rights violations to be committed?

Supporter <sup>(1)</sup>

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission  
(3 September 2025)**

The Commission has declared several times that the humanitarian situation in Gaza is unbearable and that Israel must improve access to humanitarian aid.

Following the Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) meeting on 20 May 2025, the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP) announced a review of Israel's compliance with Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement <sup>(1)</sup>.

The review was presented at the FAC meeting on 23 June 2025 <sup>(2)</sup> and its conclusion was that there are indications that Israel may have violated human rights obligations in Gaza. The EU Foreign Ministers agreed that the EU's aim is to improve the humanitarian situation.

On this basis, the HR/VP engaged in a frank and principled dialogue which led to Israel's agreement to take significant steps to improve the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip.

At the July 2025 FAC, the HR/VP announced the humanitarian understanding with Israel and informed Member States that EU will continue to closely monitor the implementation of the agreed actions and report to Member States. The EU will also consider next steps, if necessary, based on developments on the ground.

On 29 July 2025, the Commission proposed to partially suspend Israel's participation in Horizon Europe. The suspension, which comes as a reaction to the review under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement, specifically concerns the participation of entities established in Israel in activities funded under the Accelerator of the European Innovation Council <sup>(3)</sup>.

While working towards improving the humanitarian situation, the EU continues to call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and the unconditional release of all hostages, leading to a permanent end to hostilities <sup>(4)</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> This question is supported by a Member other than the author: César Luena (S&D)

<sup>(1)</sup> [https://eeas.europa.eu/archives/delegations/israel/documents/eu\\_israel/asso\\_agree\\_en.pdf](https://eeas.europa.eu/archives/delegations/israel/documents/eu_israel/asso_agree_en.pdf).

<sup>(2)</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/fac/2025/06/23/>.

<sup>(3)</sup> [https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-proposes-partial-suspension-israels-association-horizon-europe-2025-07-29\\_en](https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-proposes-partial-suspension-israels-association-horizon-europe-2025-07-29_en).

<sup>(4)</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/cjtb30ep/20250626-european-council-conclusions-en.pdf>.