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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Jewish nation-state bill

The Israeli Knesset is expected shortly to begin voting on the Jewish nation-state bill, which states that the 'right of national self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish People'. The bill would downgrade the status of Arabic, the first language of over 20 % of the population, legalise segregation in housing and force all citizens, regardless of religious background, to comply with Jewish civil law in cases without legal or judicial precedent.

On September 23 2017, the VP/HR suggested that the EU would 'continue to follow with particular attention the evolution' of the Jewish nation-state bill, adding that 'human rights, including the rights of the Israeli-Arab minority, are among the main priorities of the EU in its relations with Israel' and that the 'EU raises its concerns with the Israeli authorities, as appropriate, in the framework of bilateral dialogues'.

Given the likely passage of the bill and its discriminatory nature, as well as the EU's commitment to human rights:

- What additional action will be taken by the European External Action Service (EEAS) in response to these legislative developments?
- If the bill is passed, how will the EEAS respond to such brazen disregard for Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement?