

**Question for written answer E-001254/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission decision to include Israel in the review of adequacy decisions

In July 2023, we asked the Commission about the review process for Israel's adequacy status (Written Question E-002290/2023). On 15 January 2024, it was announced that Israel's adequacy status had been renewed, along with that of other ten states. We have since observed that several civil society organisations have voiced apprehensions regarding Israel's inclusion in the list – concerns which we share.

1. Did the Commission take into account the current backdrop of human rights violations in Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territories when renewing Israel's adequacy status, and could the Commission outline what specific factors led to the determination that Israel's data protection measures provide sufficient safeguards in accordance with adequacy criteria, including with regard to data retention and mass surveillance by security forces?
2. Given that data transfers also extend between Israel and the occupied territories (both the occupied Palestinian territories and the Golan Heights) without clear constraints, how does the Commission intend to ensure compliance with territorial limitations in line with international law?
3. Would the Commission be willing to suspend or repeal this particular adequacy decision, as it is required to do by the General Data Protection Regulation, given that Israel no longer ensures an adequate level of privacy protection?

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