

**Minor interpellation for written answer O-000006/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: Minor interpellation - VP/HR - Israeli settlement policy

On 24 January 2017, the Israeli Government announced that it would approve the construction of 2 500 new housing units on the West Bank. Such constructions are deemed illegal under international law. Additionally, it was announced last week that the building of hundreds of new houses in (occupied) East Jerusalem has been approved. Both developments come after UN Security Council resolution 2334 of 23 December 2016 condemned Israel's current settlement policy.

Was the VP/HR made aware of these planned construction projects, and what contacts have there been with the Israeli Government regarding this issue?

Will the VP/HR condemn these and any other future construction projects by Israel, which are illegal under international law and make a two-state solution significantly more difficult?

How will the VP/HR ensure coordination with other international partners to make sure international law is respected?