

# Réponse du service d'action extérieure de l'UE à l'Union Juive Française pour la Paix (membre de la Plateforme Palestine) : pas d'aide aux colonies, la règle sera appliquée

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RE: Israeli Entities and Activities in the occupied Palestinian territory

Dear Mr Guelhauser and Mr Stambol,

Thank you for your letter of 28 August addressed to Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission concerning new European Commission guidelines on Israeli settlement-based entities and activities and EU funding instruments. The High Representative has asked me to reply to your letter on her behalf.

As clearly mentioned in your letter, these guidelines represent an explicit articulation of a long-standing EU policy of non-recognition of Israeli sovereignty over occupied territories – the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. They are also fully consistent with various EU Foreign Affairs Council conclusions expressing EU policy on Israeli settlements and calling for the full and effective implementation of EU legislation.

A number of EU member states already have clauses in agreements with Israel regarding funding for specific activities which exclude settlement-based activities from funding. You also made reference to the US-Israeli Binational Science Foundation in which, indeed, "According to the agreement between the U.S. and Israeli governments, projects sponsored by the Foundation may not be conducted in geographic areas which came under the administration of the Government of Israel after June 5, 1967 and may not relate to subjects primarily pertinent to such areas."

Yours faithfully,  
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There is still a lot of misinformation about the effect of the guidelines and in the context of negotiations on the "Horizon 2020" which have already started, the EU is open to hear Israel's political sensitivities and practical concerns, but the guidelines do not change our position of principle. They are not subject to negotiations and the European Commission has pledged for them to come into force by 1 January 2014.

Yours sincerely,



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