

**Question for written answer E-015822/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Demolition of Palestinian structures and EU-funded structures in Area C

According to a report issued this September by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, occupied Palestinian territory (OCHA oPt), some 14 000 demolition orders were issued against Palestinians in the period between 1988 and 2014 in Area C. 11 000 of these have yet to be carried out.

Structures, including homes and simple livelihood structures, are torn down by Israeli authorities and during the first half of this year alone, 245 Palestinian structures were destroyed. While demolition orders are not executed in many cases, they never expire, and thus leave many Palestinians in constant fear of losing their homes and source of income.

How is the Commission addressing the ongoing issue of demolition orders in Area C?

Some demolitions have affected EU-funded structures. Could the Commission give an account of the projects funded by the EU and the EU Member States which have been affected by the Israelis' demolitions in Area C, and also indicate the financial losses? How does the Commission intend to hold Israel to account for demolitions of EU-funded structures?