

By email:

Dear Foreign Secretary,

I understand that this week the Council of Ministers will be discussing proposals to upgrade relations between the EU and Israel. I would like to urge you to reject such a move, given the Israeli government's ongoing breach of the terms of the EU-Israel Association Agreement and of international law.

Whilst the blockade of Gaza and, in one European Commissioner's words, the 'collective punishment' of Palestinians continues, I do not believe the time is right to be forging closer links with Israel. I understand that supporters of such a move claim that human rights concerns can best be addressed through a constructive relationship with the Israeli government. However, experience over recent years has not seen such expectations realised and the Israeli authorities must not be given any indication that the EU further condones their ongoing human rights violations.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Caroline Lucas MEP.