



Ms. Catherine Ashton
High Representative of the
Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Vice President of the European Commission

Vienna, August 12, 2010

RE: Deportation of Palestinian politicians from Jerusalem

Madam the High Representative,

You are surely aware of the intention of the Israeli Government to expel resp. deport four elected members of the Palestinian Legislative Council from their family homes in East Jerusalem. This action would be another serious violation of many relevant clauses of international law, among others the Fourth Geneva Convention, but also a clear sign for intransigence and lack of any sense for a peaceful and political solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

We urgently ask you as representative of the European Commission to condemn these intentions as strong as possible and to furthermore take concrete legal and political actions to stop these illegal plans. Since the Israeli government demonstrates that they are not ready for any peaceful and legal solution almost on a daily base we expect specific actions by the European Commission according to the usual human rights clauses in most of the bilateral agreements and treaties between the European Union and Israel. It is already becoming a matter of the credibility and respectability of the European Union to remain silent vis a vis the permanent and notorious breaches of human and political rights by the Israeli government. It is time to act!

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration,

Fritz Edlinger
Secretary General

cc Federal Chancellor Werner Faymann
Federal Minister Michael Spindelegger
MEP Dr. Ernst Strasser
MEP Mag. Jörg Leichtfried
MEP Dr. Hannes Swoboda
MEP Mag. Ulrike Lunacek
Mag. Richard Kühnel