



Political persecution of MEPs by the European Parliament for their critical position towards the Israeli policy of occupation and colonization against the Palestinian people.

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Dear Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament,

Thanks to an exclusive in the Spanish newspaper eldiario.es, we have learned that the Parliament's Information Security and Analysis Unit has drawn up a blacklist of MEPs on the basis of their political positions and transmitted it to the Parliament's security services the day before the commemoration of the Holocaust in the hemicycle.

We believe that this is a clear and unacceptable case of persecution on the basis of political opinion: a number of MEPs are - targeted by special security measures simply because they have critical views of the human rights situation in Israel, and they are in solidarity with the just Palestinian cause.

The Security Service is treating MEPs as a potential danger to the premises and material assets and is secretly proposing special security measures against them.

This is a clear violation of political rights, and it is happening within the EU institution with direct democratic legitimacy, whose members are directly elected by the people.

We understand that it is the duty of the Presidency of the Parliament to safeguard our rights, not to justify or work on the basis of a violation of rights that directly affects our work as parliamentarians.

It is difficult to understand why the services of the European Parliament and the Presidency are so concerned about the political position of its representatives with regard to Israel policies and not about the fact that in less than a week Israel government has vetoed the entry of two MEPs to take part in an official mission of the European Parliament to Palestine, one of them being the President of the European Union Delegation for relations with Palestine.

We, the undersigned, believe that such actions typical of authoritarian regimes should not be allowed for one minute longer, and those responsible and involved in such actions should be taken to account.

Dear President, are you aware that the services of the European Parliament have carried out such practices on other occasions?

We ask you to provide the relevant explanations and demand that you take action against those responsible, both materially and intellectually, in the European Parliament who have carried out these unacceptable measures.

Regards,

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