
**LEAKED MEMO: EU HAS KNOWN SINCE 2017 IT HAD LEGAL RIGHT TO FREEZE ISRAEL
TRADE DEAL**

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A historical opinion by the European Commissions then top lawyer, obtained by EUobserver, said the bloc was legally entitled to suspend cooperation with Israel, such as its Horizon Europe science grants and Erasmus student-exchange scheme, already in 2017 due to Israels violations of international law in the West Bank.

It was even entitled to freeze the whole EU Association Agreement, which governed their duty-free trade, the memo added.

It showed the EU was fully aware of Israeli abuses, that they were getting worse, that dialogue with Israel was ineffective, and that Palestinians had no legal redress.

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