

Il Presidente

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Ms Ana Maria GOMES
ASP 14G205

European Parliament

Dear Ms Gomes,

Dear Ana Maria,

I am writing to you regarding the event "*The Israeli Settlements in Palestine and the European Union*" that you are organising on 28 February together with the General Union of Palestinian Communities in Europe.

I have received letters from Members of four different political groups (ALDE, ECR, EPP and S&D) expressing their concerns about the participation in this event of Mr. Omar Barghouti, founder and leader of the "Boycott, Divest and Sanction" movement against Israel.

You will find attached a copy of those letters.

The authors underline that Mr. Barghouti has continued to oppose the two-state solution and that he incites hatred and violence when he describes Israel as a regime of occupation, colonialism and apartheid. Therefore, the authors argue that Mr. Barghouti's rhetoric puts at risk the reputation of the European Parliament and they call for measures to prevent our institution from being used as a platform for the expression of anti-Semitic and anti-EU policy views.

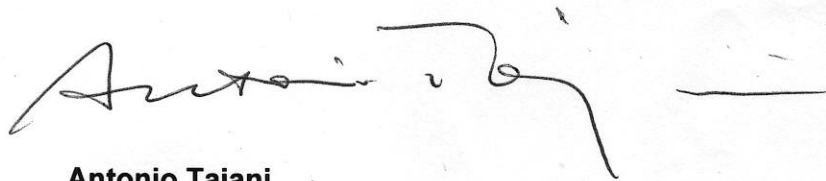
As Member of this institution, you are of course in your right to organise an event in Parliament's premises.

Nevertheless, I wish to point out that you have a personal responsibility regarding the agenda and the invitations to your meeting and that such event must not become a platform in support of anti-Semitism, nor should the agenda or guests put the reputation of this institution at risk.

I ask you to take these concerns into full consideration.

I will send a copy of this letter to the Members mentioned above.

Sincerely,



Antonio Tajani