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DIRECTORATE- GENERAL  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY  
Directorate HR.DS – Security  
The Director

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**Subject: EU, end contracts with G4S.**

Dear Petitioner,

The Commission takes note of the petition expressing concerns about the fact that the group G4S provides security to the European Commission.

As pointed out, a number of Members of the European Parliament raised questions on this matter, to which the answers indicated that the Commission is constrained by the financial regulation to implement contractual obligations resulting from its public procurement procedures.

It would be difficult at this stage to alter the financial regulation in order to address this specific case, in particular since the company that is providing the security to the Commission is an entity entirely separate from Israeli company G4S Israel.

In addition, the extensive review carried out by the UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises did not show any failure by the company to respect human rights.

It also mentioned that the company could do more to influence its partners, which certainly encouraged the group G4S to state very clearly that it did not intend to renew the controversial contracts in Israel and in the occupied territories when they expire.

You can rest assured that the Commission, in close cooperation with the other EU institutions, will continue its work towards the appropriate implementation of the public procurement procedures.

Yours faithfully,

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Director