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## EU WON'T STRIP ISRAEL VISA-FREE TRAVEL DESPITE RIGHTS ABUSE

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The European Commission has no intention of stripping Israel of visa-free access to Europe despite rights-abuses in the occupied Gaza and West Bank.

This comes despite new rules from last December that allow the Brussels-executive to stop granting free travel passes to countries that violate human rights and international law.

At the moment, we dont see migratory or security risks coming from Israel, Magnus Brunner, the European Commissioner in charge of home affairs, told European lawmakers on Tuesday (24 February).

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