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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 3341

Mrs K N F Hlonyana (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Whether, in light of the alleged brutal and indiscriminate killing of Palestinian persons in Gaza by the Israeli regime, the Government intends to review its trade relations with the State of Israel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation has set out Government's views on the attack on civilians and the loss of all life, including of children.

Despite calls from many countries for the attacks on Gaza to stop, the loss of life of children in Palestine is continuing daily. Large numbers of South Africans have joined marches and demonstrations to show their opposition to the attacks on civilians and in support of the people of Palestine.

The Cabinet Statement of 6 November 2023 contains further details of South Africa's approach to relations with Israel. This may be accessed at

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/statement-cabinet-meeting-01-november-2023-6-nov-2023-0000>

Additional measures will continue to be discussed by Cabinet, and where appropriate, with Southern African Customs Union members.

We call for an immediate ceasefire and the resolution of the conflict through recognising the right of the Palestinian people to statehood within viable and secure borders.

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