

1) Given that Israel has continued to expand settlements on occupied Palestinian land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in defiance of international law and international opinion, do you think the UK should ban the import of settlement goods into the UK?

I do think if progress to a peace settlement between Israel and Palestine is not made then the option of import bans from settler communities in occupied territories needs to be on the table and in accordance with international law. So not an immediate ban - but something to consider for diplomatic leverage.

2) Do you agree that Israel's blockade of Gaza imposed since 2007 should be lifted immediately?

Yes / No / Don't Know -

Don't know - there needs to be an end to the collective punishment which the blockade of Gaza delivers to innocent civilians however Israel also has legitimate security concerns. It's a messy situation with a Hamas controlled government in Gaza that is quite belligerent against a reactionary Israeli government. Ideally I would like a UN presence in the GAZA border area similar to UNIFIL currently deployed in [Southern Lebanon](#) (south of the [Litani River](#)) and primarily along the United Nations-drawn [Blue Line](#), which is the border between [Israel](#) and [Lebanon](#).

A UN presence invited by the HAMAS Gaza administration with Israeli support may help create conditions on the ground for relaxing and eventually ending the blockade.

3) Do you agree that the government should enforce its own arms export licensing criteria and stop supplying arms to Israel until it ceases its violations of international law?

Yes (kind of) - the UK government needs a more ethical approach in selling arms to this volatile region. I support a moratorium on arms to this region including Saudi and Israel pending the results of a through review of foreign policy in the middle east.

4) Numerous reports have highlighted the mistreatment of Palestinian child prisoners in Israeli military detention. Do you agree that any child prisoner should be treated in accordance with international law and not Israeli military law?

Yes

5) Do you agree that future UK trade deals should include a strong human rights clause, and that any trade agreement with Israel should be conditional upon the respect of international law and human rights?

Yes for certain sensitive sectors such as defence and ultra high tech and this should apply to trading arrangements with all countries. However under current system of international law, trade in non sensitive products / services should be in accordance with WTO framework at a minimum. There will be trade with countries that are less free than others, however outright bans on all trade will damage engagement efforts that are required for longer term peace.