Question for written answer E-007121/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Syed Kamall (ECR)

Subject: Dilgam Ahmadov and Shahbaz Quliyev

I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned about the welfare of two Azerbaijani citizens, Dilgam Ahmadov and Shahbaz Quliyev, who have been arrested by Armenian forces on the grounds of 'incursion' and 'illegally crossing a border' into the region of Nagorno Karabakh.

My constituent tells me that the arrests are in fact groundless as they took place in Azerbaijani territory, which my constituent says is 'illegally occupied' by Armenian armed forces. He tells me that Nagorno Karabakh is not a recognised republic.

He tells me that these men have visited Kalbajar several times since 1999, to visit the graves of their relatives in their occupied village.

In addition, he tells me that they are accused of being saboteurs, when in reality they are too old to perform such a role.

My constituent would like to know whether the Commission:

- 1. is aware of the treatment of Dilgam Ahmadov and Shahbaz Quliyev;
- 2. is putting any pressure on the Armenian authorities to treat Mr Ahmadov and Mr Quliyev well and provide them with consular access through the International Committee of the Red Cross;
- 3. is putting any pressure on the relevant local authorities to resolve this case.

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