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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Political situation in Nagorno-Karabakh

A Nagorno-Karabakh military helicopter was shot down by the Azerbaijani military on 12 November 2014, during peaceful military manoeuvres that had been arranged for some time and notified to all parties.

The downing of the helicopter, which has received extensive international media coverage, is the clearest violation to date of the ceasefire agreement signed between the two sides in 1994. Immediately after the incident, Azerbaijan decorated the officer who had shot down the helicopter.

Although the European External Action Service (EEAS) deplored the incident, it confined itself to urging the parties not to resort to military action, so as not to exacerbate tensions in the area.

1. In the High Representative's view, should the EU be playing an active role in efforts to find a solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict?
2. Does the Commission condemn the use of force by Azerbaijan, which is an ally of the EU?
3. How will the EEAS foster dialogue between the parties, with a view to finding a solution to the conflict?