

**Question for written answer P-013160/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Azerbaijan's military aggression near the border with Armenia

On 24 September 2015, three civilians were killed and two wounded by the Azerbaijani army's shelling of the village of Berdavan, situated in the Tavush region near the Armenian-Azerbaijani border.

Earlier the same month, on 3 September, the region had already been shelled by the Azerbaijani army, resulting in the death of an Armenian serviceman and the serious wounding of two Armenian civilians.

At the same time, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Minsk Group co-chairs are trying to organise peace talks between Armenia and Azerbaijan on the sidelines of the 70th session of the UN General Assembly, which opened in New York on 15 September 2015. Both countries are not only OSCE members, but also members of the Council of Europe and of the European Union's Eastern Partnership.

1. Given the aforementioned circumstances, how would the VP/HR and the European External Action Service qualify these acts against Armenia and its civilian population?
2. Would the VP/HR consider implementing sanctions against Azerbaijan along the lines of those proposed by Parliament in its resolutions of 18 September 2014 and of 10 September 2015?