

## **The EU Delegation welcomes pardoning decree**

The EU Delegation to Baku welcomes the December 26<sup>th</sup> Presidential decree pardoning 87 convicts, including a number of civil society activists, representatives of opposition parties and journalists.

The EU Delegation considers this as a positive move forward by Azerbaijan in its efforts to strengthen the respect for fundamental rights and freedoms and expects that this decision will be complemented by other constructive measures.

The EU Delegation will continue to assist Azerbaijan in fulfilling its commitments with regards to the promotion of democracy and rule of law, in line with norms and values of the EU, the OSCE and the Council of Europe.

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