

**Question for written answer E-006323/2020  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** The ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh

After more than 40 days of fighting, on 9 November 2020 Armenia and Azerbaijan signed a Russian-brokered joint declaration establishing a comprehensive ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh. This is a first step towards peace in the region. A lot of time and work will need to be put in to ensure the ceasefire is lasting and sustainable. In Armenia, for example, the signing of the agreement has triggered a worrying political crisis that could in turn result in further instability in the region and therefore also in Europe.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. What steps is the Commission intending to take to make sure the ceasefire holds?
2. Is the Commission planning to step up political and diplomatic efforts, alongside the Minsk Group and the other Member States, to move towards a fair and lasting solution for both parties?
3. How does the Commission think the European Neighbourhood Policy has performed in the light of increasing tensions and conflicts at the EU's borders?