

**Question for written answer E-001093/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Cultural heritage in the South Caucasus

Following the ceasefire agreement between Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia, power has changed hands in several areas of Nagorno-Karabakh and plans have been announced to invest in and modernise the region's infrastructure. The region contains many cultural sites and monuments that are worthy of preservation on account of their historical and cultural value. Thus far, however, UNESCO has not been able to access the region to assess the damage to these sites.

1. How is the Commission planning to support UNESCO in its work in the region?
2. Will the Commission take specific action to ensure the preservation and protection of these sites?