

**Question for written answer E-001527/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Human rights violations by Azerbaijan in Artsakh

The answer given by the Vice-President / High Representative to Question E-005559/2020 failed to address all the issues at stake. The international press has been flooded with reports of Azeri forces executing unarmed Armenian civilians who refused to abandon their homes in Artsakh. The need to investigate such alleged war crimes against non-combatants must be taken very seriously by the Commission as regards future relations with Azerbaijan.

1. Will the Commission make all possible representations to the European Council, seeking the termination of the Visa Facilitation Agreement pursuant to Article 14 of the Agreement, in order to secure the cooperation of Azerbaijan with the international community and force it to acknowledge the criminal acts perpetrated against the people of Nagorno-Karabakh?
2. For how long will the Commission delay in revoking the visa waiver for holders of Azerbaijani diplomatic passports pending the final outcome of the investigation, carried out in consultation with the European Council, into these alleged human rights violations?
3. Will it consider stepping up the level of cooperation with Armenia by launching a visa liberalisation dialogue in consultation with the European Council, providing practical support to Armenians? How will it bring this about?