

Question for written answer E-001891/2021/rev.1

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Azerbaijan

On 19 March, 2021, Human Rights Watch issued a statement detailing the torture of Armenian prisoners of war while held in captivity by Azerbaijan, which is an act that is in direct contravention of the Geneva Convention. This followed Azeri attacks, in partnership with Turkey, against Armenia and civilian communities in Nagorno–Karabakh.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) consider Azerbaijan a reliable partner, given its human rights record, propensity for illegal aggression and support for Turkish expansionism in the Southern Caucasus?
2. What contacts has the VP/HR had with Azerbaijan entities this year?