

**Question for written answer E-003523/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The criminal prosecution of Armenian prisoners of war

The Azerbaijani authorities continue to mistreat Armenian prisoners of war, in defiance of international obligations. A total of 56 prisoners of war are currently facing criminal prosecution in Azerbaijan, in direct contravention of Article 4 of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War.

Azerbaijan also continues to defy the European Court of Human Rights by refusing to supply information on its prisoners of war and by torturing, mistreating and humiliating prisoners, which shows contempt for both the courts and international opinion.

Armenia has successfully navigated an election held in the shadow of the conflict with Azerbaijan and has clearly demonstrated a commitment to democracy, which had been threatened by the war and the mistreatment of its citizens.

1. What measures can the Commission take to ensure that Azerbaijan abides by the international agreements it freely entered into?
2. What can the Commission do to ensure that all Armenian prisoners of war are released and returned forthwith?