

**Question for written answer E-003653/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Destruction of cultural heritage in Artsakh

A survey undertaken by Caucasus Heritage Watch into heritage destruction in Nakhichevan identified 108 medieval and early modern monasteries, churches and cemeteries erased by the Azerbaijani authorities. Caucasus Heritage Watch reported that 98 % of the sites surveyed had been destroyed.

This deliberate destruction of Christian heritage is now being perpetrated in Artsakh by the Azerbaijani authorities, and it is likely that without international intervention this cultural destruction will be complete within the next year.

How does the Commission intend to protect this heritage, and will it propose sanctions against those in the Azerbaijani Government guilty of cultural destruction and desecration?

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