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

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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh due to the closure of the Lachin Corridor

Since 12 December, a group of Azerbaijani protestors has been blocking the Lachin Corridor, the only line of communication between Nagorno-Karabakh and the rest of the world.

Given its primary importance for the supply of humanitarian aid to the 120 000 Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh, this blockade could have devastating and irreversible consequences.

Food and medical supplies have been cut off and it is no longer possible to transport patients in need of emergency care and hospitalisation from Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia. Supplies of gas from the Azerbaijani pipeline have also been suspended during this winter period.

All this is part of a large-scale and systematic attempt by Azerbaijan to drive all the people of Nagorno-Karabakh from their homeland.

In view of this:

1. Can High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs say whether the EU intends to condemn the ongoing campaign of genocide being conducted by Azerbaijan against the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh?
2. What action will he take to ensure compliance with the trilateral declaration of 9 November 2020, which has been blatantly infringed?
3. How does the EU plan to ensure the safety of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh against this prolonged blockade?

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