

**Question for written answer E-002871/2023**

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

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**Subject:** Azerbaijan's military offensive in Nagorno-Karabakh

On Tuesday, 19 September 2023, Azerbaijan launched a military offensive in Nagorno-Karabakh, leaving more than 25 people dead and 200 people injured after fighting throughout the day. The statements by Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative Josep Borrell make no reference to the energy agreement the European Union concluded with Azerbaijan in July 2023, which seeks to double gas supplies from Azerbaijan to the EU by 2027. Added to this is the commitment by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen to invest EUR 60 million of European funding in Azerbaijan up to 2024.

In view of the above:

1. Do the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative believe that Baku is a reliable partner?
2. Will the military offensive in Nagorno-Karabakh have an impact on the energy agreement and the commitment to send European funds to Azerbaijan?
3. What will the Commission do to ensure that there is no ethnic cleansing of the communities living in Nagorno-Karabakh?

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