

**Question for written answer E-002943/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh region

The events we have seen unfolding in Nagorno-Karabakh are a blow to stability, peace, security and human rights in the region. There is huge concern particularly regarding the safety of Armenians and respect for their fundamental rights as they have been fleeing the area en masse following the recent large-scale military operation by Azeri forces.

International conflicts must be resolved smoothly and always through structured dialogue based on international law, with an emphasis on the need for the rights of the affected populations, especially civilians, to be fully respected.

Bearing in mind that, in a similar case, the Commission recently triggered the Temporary Protection Directive for the protection of Ukrainian citizens,

can it answer the following:

1. Will it review its relations with Azerbaijan in light of the current dire situation and, if so, will it include the recent gas supply agreement in the agenda?
2. Will it trigger the Temporary Protection Directive so as to fully protect the rights of all Armenians forced to flee the region en masse?

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