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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: Aliyev's speech at various international events and the EU's subsequent silence

After the ethnic cleansing of Nagorno-Karabakh perpetrated by Azerbaijan, the Aliyev regime has not ceased to use warmongering and maximalist rhetoric. For example, on 24 April 2024, the President of Azerbaijan not only bragged about the mass exodus of Armenians from Nagorno-Karabakh but also suggested that EU Mission in Armenia (EUMA) observers should be grateful to him for not harming them.

On July 22, at the second so-called 'Global Media Forum' in Shusha, Aliyev again asserted territorial claims against the sovereign territory of Armenia and strongly condemned the decision of the Council of the European Union to provide the first assistance measure in support of the Armenian armed forces under the European Peace Facility and open up dialogue on visa liberalisation with Armenia.

1. Why is the EU hesitant to condemn the Aliyev regime for threatening to kill the EU civilian mission observers – European citizens – deployed in Armenia?
2. When is the EU going to react to such unacceptable behaviour and distance itself from a policy of appeasement towards a dictatorial state such as Azerbaijan?
3. When will the EU impose sanctions against the leadership of Azerbaijan, particularly Mr Aliyev's entourage, for the ethnic cleansing perpetrated against the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh, systematic violations of basic human rights, unlawful arrest and the imprisonment of prominent politicians, activists and journalists?

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