

**Question for written answer E-002524/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Baku Climate Conference

On 11 November 2024, the United Nations Climate Conference got underway in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan invaded the unconquered part of Nagorno-Karabakh on 19 September 2023. Then, following the armistice on 20 September 2023, Artsakh was practically ethnically cleansed by Azerbaijan. Since this war of aggression, Azerbaijan has been doing everything in its power to destroy all traces of Armenian culture.

Azerbaijan ranked 134th out of 167 countries in the Economist Intelligence Unit's democracy index 2022. According to the EU's latest annual report on human rights and democracy in the world, published in July 2023, the situation in Azerbaijan regarding human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as respect for the rule of law, remains worrying.

The European Commission is clearly applying double standards when it comes to condemnation and partnerships with third countries, as Azerbaijan remains one of the EU's favoured energy partners.

1. Has the Commission raised objections with the UN about the choice of Baku as the venue for the climate conference?
2. Does the Commission intend to raise the issue of the Nagorno-Karabakh ethnic cleansing at the conference?

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