

**Question for written answer E-001126/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: The EU's response to Azerbaijan's unlawful detention of Armenian hostages and the need for consistent human rights policies

The European Parliament resolution of 13 March 2025 strongly condemned Azerbaijan's unlawful detention and sham trials of Armenian hostages and called for targeted sanctions against the Azerbaijani officials responsible for these violations. However, no concrete steps have been taken at EU level to put pressure on Azerbaijan to comply with international law.

Greece has been a steadfast advocate of human rights and the rule of law both within and outside the EU, upholding a principled stance in cases of political imprisonment. However, the EU's response to Azerbaijan's ongoing violations remains weaker compared to the action it has taken in response to other instances of human rights violations, including those concerning Russia and Belarus.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What specific steps has the Commission taken to ensure the immediate release of the Armenian hostages, in accordance with the European Parliament resolution?
2. Why have targeted sanctions not been adopted against the Azerbaijani officials responsible for these violations, despite Parliament's clear call to action?
3. How does the Commission explain its inconsistent approach, acting with severity in cases of human rights violations in some cases, while avoiding decisive action against Azerbaijan?

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