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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: Protecting the Armenian heritage of Nagorno-Karabakh against Azerbaijani claims

On 11 and 12 September 2026, the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia, Magdalena Grono, paid a diplomatic visit¹ to Nagorno-Karabakh organised by the Azerbaijani authorities.

During the visit, Baku presented Armenian monasteries as supposedly belonging to ‘Caucasian Albania heritage’, an assimilation described as a historical falsification by the international community of historians and heritage experts, and this despite orders from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) requiring Azerbaijan to protect and respect Armenian cultural heritage.

Upon her return, Ms Grono wrote on X² that ‘deeply diverging views and narratives persist, for instance on origins of some sites’, pitting documented historical reality against institutionalised falsification.

In view of the above:

1. What is the position of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union on the risk of fuelling regional tensions with such declarations?
2. How does the EU reconcile this diplomatic approach with the ICJ’s binding orders on the preservation and protection of Armenian cultural heritage in the region?

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¹ <https://armenpress.am/en/article/1260373>.

² https://x.com/EUSR_SCCiG/status/2099078616814416111.