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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP) visited Baku on 25 April 2025 for meetings with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan and members of civil society¹. The discussions touched upon EU-Azerbaijan relations, human rights, regional cooperation and the Armenia-Azerbaijan normalisation process. The HR/VP will travel to Yerevan in the early summer.

During the exchanges in Baku, the HR/VP emphasised that EU-Azerbaijan relations have the potential to grow based on mutual respect, including respect for Member States, and fundamental principles, including the respect for the rule of law and human rights². The HR/VP reiterated the EU's strong support for the normalisation process between Azerbaijan and Armenia. The HR/VP welcomed the recent agreement on the text of a draft peace treaty and called for keeping this momentum and ensuring smooth completion of this process.

All issues related to the past conflict are best addressed as part of the normalisation process between Armenia and Azerbaijan. EU stands ready to provide additional support and expertise, should the sides request, in order to achieve lasting peace in the region.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/media-advisory-high-representative-kaja-kallas-travels-azerbaijan_en.

² <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-271027>.