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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 Azerbaijan on 25 April 2025, where she met with the President of the Republic, the Foreign Minister, and representatives of civil society¹. The discussions focused on EU-Azerbaijan relations, regional cooperation, and the normalisation process between Azerbaijan and Armenia. The HR/VP emphasised the importance of mutual respect, rule of law, and human rights in their bilateral relationship², and reiterated the EU's strong support for the normalisation process and lasting peace in the region.

The EU has called on Azerbaijan to release individuals detained for exercising their fundamental rights, including journalists, human rights defenders, and political activists.

The EU's cooperation with Armenia is strengthening across all sectors. The EU aims to support Armenia's resilience, economic diversification, and democratic consolidation, contributing to a stable and prosperous South Caucasus region. A new EU-Armenia partnership agenda is being negotiated, which will outline ambitious joint priorities for cooperation.

To support Armenia's socio-economic resilience, the EU has allocated EUR 270 million for the period 2024-2027 under the resilience and growth plan³. This plan will increase bilateral EU assistance to Armenia by nearly 50% and provide targeted support in key sectors, including connectivity, trade, and energy diversification. Recent milestones in EU-Armenia relations include the launch of a visa liberalisation dialogue⁴ and EUR 10 million in support under the European Peace Facility⁵. The HR/VP plans to visit Yerevan soon to further strengthen ties between the EU and Armenia.

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>.

³ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/2024/STR_EU-AM%20Growth%20plan%20V3.pdf.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_4610.

⁵ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/07/22/european-peace-facility-council-adopts-the-first-ever-assistance-measure-in-support-of-the-armenian-armed-forces/>.