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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU is closely monitoring the trials of Karabakh Armenians in Baku and calls on Azerbaijan to respect due process and the rights of detainees, including to adequate medical care, and to ensure that the allegations made against them are investigated in a transparent manner. The EU has also advocated to address these issues as part of confidence-building measures between the parties. The EU continues to stress the importance of guaranteeing fair trial standards and adequate detention conditions, in line with Azerbaijan's international commitments. In this context, the EU welcomes the latest visit of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) to Azerbaijan from 22 September to 3 October 2025¹.

The trials at the Baku Military Court touch on the much larger question of achieving lasting and sustainable peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan. It is crucial that both countries continue to make progress on their path towards full normalisation of relations. In this context, the EU strongly commends both sides for the initialling of their bilateral peace treaty on 8 August 2025 in Washington, District of Columbia. The EU stands ready to help implementing the Washington agreements².

¹ <https://www.coe.int/en/web/cpt/-/council-of-europe-anti-torture-committee-cpt-carries-out-a-visit-to-azerbaijan-1>.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/fr/statement_25_1948,
<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/08/08/armeniaazerbaijan-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-the-initialling-of-the-armenia-azerbaijan-peace-treaty/>.