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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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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 to Azerbaijan from 22 September to 3 October 2025¹. The EU furthermore welcomes that the International Committee of the Red Cross will continue to engage with the Azerbaijani authorities to support persons protected under international humanitarian law in line with its mandate and Azerbaijan's obligations under the Geneva Conventions².

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, a process that the EU will continue to support.

The European External Action Service remains at the disposal of the European Parliament and its Members for dialogue and consultations, as well as to provide information and updates on the current situation and developments.

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

² <https://www.icrc.org/en/news-release/icrc-closes-delegation-republic-azerbaijan>.