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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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Since its launch, the EU Mission in Armenia has demonstrated its value in contributing to an environment conducive to normalisation efforts between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The mission mandate currently runs until February 2027, in accordance with the Council's decision of 30 January 2025¹.

EU engagement with Azerbaijan remains instrumental in order to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the South Caucasus through regional cooperation, including in the context of the normalisation process between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The High Representative/Vice-President visited Baku on 25 April 2025 and met with the country's leadership and members of civil society, touching upon *inter alia* EU-Azerbaijan relations, human rights and the Armenia-Azerbaijan normalisation process.

The scale and complexity of the inter-linked security threats and challenges the EU is facing are beyond the capacity of any single Member State. Member States therefore decided to work closer together at EU level to build a strong Common Security and Defence Policy². It enables the EU to take a leading role, for instance, in peacekeeping operations and conflict prevention. The policy is an integral part of the EU's comprehensive approach to crisis management and conflict resolution. The EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy³ is based on shared values to promote peace and security and to respect fundamental rights and freedoms. The EU promotes these values in all regions in the world, including in the South Caucasus.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/01/30/armenia-council-extends-the-mandate-of-the-eu-civilian-mission-for-two-years/>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:12008M042>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A12016M021>.