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## Subject:

Response of MEP, Mr. Jordi Sebastia, regarding the latest developments in the relationship between NK and Azerbaijan.

As Member of the European Parliament, for the Greens/EFA group, I am personally very concerned about the latest developments in the conflict between Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh. The Azerbaijani government has once again violated the 1994 cease-fire agreement by shooting down a Karabakhi helicopter, resulting in the death of three members of the crew. This action is totally unacceptable. My thoughts are with the family and friends of the innocent men that lost their lives.

I severely condemn the Azerbaijani government for pursuing these kinds of aggressions and their glorification of these atrocious crimes by awarding a third degree medal to the officer that executed the order. On top of that, the Azerbaijani government is denying access to the crash site for the recovery of the bodies by continuing to fire intensive shots towards it. Therefore, I call on the EU to organise an urgent ad hoc mission to examine what happened on the ground and facilitate the recovery of the bodies.

I support the people of Nagorno-Karabah in their inspired democratic development and the right to decide their future already expressed in a legally binding referendum in 1991. A change of attitude and strategy of the Azerbaijani government towards Nagorno-Karabah is crucial to build a long lasting peace.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain,

Jordi Sebastià MEP Greens/EFA