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Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2020 to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, expressing concern about the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan and proposing some actions in support to peace.

The EU welcomes the cessation of hostilities in and around Nagorno-Karabakh on 10 November, following the Russian-brokered ceasefire. This will prevent the further loss of life, but efforts are still needed for a negotiated, comprehensive and sustainable settlement of the conflict, including on the status of Nagorno-Karabakh. The EU reiterates its full support to the established format of the OSCE Minsk Group, led by its Co-Chairs, to pursue this objective.

All sides to the conflict have been consistently reminded by the EU that international humanitarian law must be respected. Any war crimes that might have been committed, including the alleged use of illegal weapons or ammunitions, should be independently investigated.

The EU is providing significant humanitarian assistance to the civilian population affected by the conflict, in particular to displaced people, and stands ready to effectively contribute to sustainable peace including, where possible, through support for rehabilitation and confidence building measures. In line with the UN SCR 1325, the EU integrates a gender perspective into its engagement, taking into consideration the specific needs of women and their specific role as fundamental peace-building actors.



We continue to follow the situation very closely including via our Delegations in Yerevan and Baku and the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Richard Tibbels'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

[e-signed]

Richard Tibbels