

**Question for written answer E-000248/2013  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VP/HR - Putting into operation the airport in Nagorno-Karabakh

Armenia has recently announced its intention of putting into operation the airport at Stepanakert/Khankendi in Nagorno-Karabakh, opening it for regular international flights. Undoubtedly this act will be understood by Azerbaijan, whose territory of Nagorno-Karabakh is occupied by Armenia, as a clear provocation.

1. Does the Vice-President / High Representative have a position on this issue, bearing in mind international law and the state of political negotiations on a peaceful solution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict conducted by the Minsk Group and other international forums?
2. Will the Vice-President / High Representative undertake steps to avoid the implementation of this provocative project by Armenia and the escalation of already tense relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which risk jeopardising the stability of the entire South Caucasus?