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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Blockade of Lachin Corridor (Nagorno-Karabakh) by Azerbaijan

The ongoing blockade of the Lachin Corridor has endangered the lives of 120 000 people in Nagorno-Karabakh, including 30 000 children. The blockade has disrupted access to essential goods and services, including food, fuel and medication, for the 120 000 Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh.

On 22 February 2023, the International Court of Justice ordered provisional measures to ensure that Azerbaijan ends the blockade of the Lachin Corridor. However, on 23 April 2023, Azerbaijani forces illegally installed a checkpoint in the Lachin Corridor, at the Hakari Bridge.

Since 15 June 2023, no food, medicine or fuel has reached Nagorno-Karabakh. The lack of medicine in the region has led to serious health problems among vulnerable groups, such as pregnant women, cancer and diabetes patients, and children. Azerbaijan has also prevented the International Committee of the Red Cross from transporting patients to the Republic of Armenia. The mortality rates in Nagorno-Karabakh have increased as a result.

Has the VP/HR considered proposing any kind of sanctions against Azerbaijan to the Foreign Affairs Council?

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