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## **YEPP's response to Azerbaijan's aggressions**

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Recognising that:

1. Since December 2022 Azerbaijan state sponsored self-proclaimed environmentalists has blockaded the Lachin corridor, the only road connecting Nagorno-Karabakh (Arstakh) with Armenia and the rest of the world.
2. The blockade has created a huge humanitarian crisis.
3. Azerbaijan's illegal blockade of Nagorno-Karabakh is a violation of ceasefire statement of 9 November 2020, as well as the fundamental human rights.
4. The 120 000 Armenian people of Nagorno-Karabakh, including 30 000 children, are deprived of access to basic supplies, including food, electricity, gas and medication. They are trapped in their own homeland as hostages.
5. The disruption of the natural gas supply to Nagorno-Karabakh by Azerbaijan left houses, hospitals and educational institutions without heating.
6. The lack of food supply gave rise to a serious problem for the orphanage, nursing home and medical institutions.
7. There are patients in intensive care unit, including children. The transfer of critically ill patients is almost impossible.
8. Thousands of children are deprived of their right to education.
9. The constant aggressions of the Azerbaijani military forces in Nagorno-Karabakh and in internationally recognised territory of Armenia constitute a violation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Armenia and of the ceasefire statement.



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YEPP, the Youth of the European People's party:

1. Emphasizes the need to guarantee the rights and security of the people of Nagorno-Karabakh.
2. Underlines that the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is not resolved and has no military solution. The peace cannot be imposed by force and threats, but should lay the ground for a long lasting stability in the region.
3. Urges Azerbaijan to respect and implement the trilateral statement of 9 November 2020 and immediately reopen the Lachin corridor.
4. Condemns the continuous aggressive actions of Azerbaijan towards Nagorno-Karabakh that jeopardizes the security and freedom of the people of NK.
5. Welcomes the fact that the EU and the OSCE have deployed missions to Armenia.

YEPP calls on:

1. Azerbaijan and Armenia to resume negotiations on the settlement of the conflict and reengage in the process of the OSCE Minsk Group, based on the Helsinki Final Act principles of non-use of force, territorial integrity, and the equal rights and self-determination of Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh.
2. The member states of the European Union to pressure with sanctions towards Azerbaijan and to consider the seizure of the assets of Azerbaijani leaders with the purpose of addressing properly the repeated military aggressions by Azerbaijan on the territory of the Republic of Armenia, in violation of its sovereignty.
3. Azerbaijan to immediately release all Armenian prisoners of war as stated in the ceasefire statement of 9 November 2020.
4. the EU and the Member States to continue supporting Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh in the process of finding a peaceful and political solution to the conflict.