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1. Question from Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV, Azerbaijan, ALDE

The Helsinki Final Act of 1992 indicates Armenia and Azerbaijan as the conflicting parties and this forms the basis of the Minsk process. The Azerbaijani and Armenian communities of Nagorno-Karabakh are officially recognised in international documents as interested parties in this conflict. However, the current leader of Armenia pretends to be unaware of all of this stating that he has no legal or moral right to negotiate with Azerbaijan because Armenia is not a party to the conflict. He names the seven Armenian-occupied districts of Azerbaijan as the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, declaring the necessity to start a war against Azerbaijan soon. Nevertheless, meanwhile the Armenian army is deployed in Nagorno-Karabakh and the son of Prime Minister Nicol Pashinyan is doing military service there.

Mr Huseynov, to ask the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers:

Which steps can be taken within its competence in order to prevent the danger generated by the Armenian Prime Minister Nicol Pashinyan's aggressive, provocative and inadequate statements and behaviour which contradicts international legal norms and elemental logic as well as directly hits hard the negotiation process?

Reply by the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

I recall that mediation for the settlement of the conflict on Nagorno-Karabakh is under the responsibility of the OSCE Minsk Group. I would like to reiterate the long standing appeal by the Committee to both sides to bring forward the on-going negotiations in order to arrive at a peaceful settlement of the conflict, in line with their commitments to the Council of Europe. Both sides should refrain from any statement or action which may jeopardise a process of reaching a negotiated settlement.