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Serious threats posed by landmines massively planted by Armenia that are hampering post-conflict rehabilitation

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The trilateral statement of the leaders of Azerbaijan, the Russian Federation and Armenia of 10 November 2020 has put an end to a long-standing conflict and opened up a real prospect for peaceful coexistence and stability in our region. However, Azerbaijan continues to face serious threats posed by mines massively planted by Armenia, which impede the post-conflict rehabilitation, most particularly the return of hundreds of thousands of Azerbaijani IDPs and endanger the lives of innocent peoples. Despite repeated calls, Armenia refuses to provide the maps of minefields. Unfortunately, over the past seven months, more than 130 people have been killed or injured in mine blasts. Most recently, on 4 June 2021, three civilians, including two media representatives, lost their lives while on duty in the Kalbajar district of Azerbaijan.

Mr Seyidov

To ask the Committee of Ministers:

Considering the foregoing, has the Committee of Ministers addressed this pressing humanitarian issue and does it intend to press for the urgent release of all relevant information on minefields by Armenia?