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The President

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Dear Women of Nagorno-Karabakh,

Thank you for your open letter, which I have received via the Delegation of the European Union in Armenia.

The European Union has been following with serious concern the various developments around the Lachin Corridor since the beginning of December last year. We understand that restrictions of movement along the Lachin Corridor cause significant distress to the local population and create humanitarian concerns.

Let me assure you that the EU continues to mobilise diplomatic efforts to solve the situation, and has repeatedly called on Azerbaijan and all others involved to take the measures that are within their jurisdiction to ensure freedom and security of movement along the corridor, in line with the obligations deriving from the trilateral statement of 9 November 2020. To this end, the EU has been involved in regular contacts at multiple levels with the leadership of Azerbaijan and Armenia.

The EU also stepped up its engagement in Armenia through the recently launched full-fledged civilian CSDP mission (EU Mission in Armenia), which represents clear proof of our continued support to de-escalation efforts and commitment to work closely with both sides towards the ultimate goal of sustainable peace in the region.

Yours faithfully,

Ursula von der Leyen