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to the Commission
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Subject: Progress on removing munitions and chemical weapons from the Baltic

There are over 500 000 tonnes of munitions and chemical weapons on the Baltic seabed, posing a serious threat to the ecosystem, human health and the quality of catches. This situation makes it impossible to improve the state of fish stocks. In this context, I would welcome answers to the following questions

1. Selection for the 'Saving our Seas' project is ongoing, but given the scale and the resources, it is only a pilot. What subsequent steps does the Commission intend to take to prioritise the clean-up of the Baltic and safeguard the health of its inhabitants and the ecosystem?

2. What financial and technological resources does the Commission intend to make available to the Baltic states in order to accelerate the removal of chemical weapons and munitions from the Baltic Sea?

3. Is the Commission considering revising its fisheries policy to support fishers affected by catch restrictions while addressing the munitions problem, which is having a real impact on the quality of catches?

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