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to the Commission**

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Subject: Pollution of the English Channel, North Sea and Baltic Sea

I would like to draw your attention to the dramatic consequences of the large-scale dumping of chemical weapons and munitions into the English Channel, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea following the conflicts of the 20th century.

Millions of tons of ammunition of all kinds were dumped off the coast and now present a genuine danger. With some of these munitions having been immersed for more than a century, specialists say that their metal casings may no longer be watertight. According to experts and scientists, they pose a risk of environmental and ecological disaster that could eliminate all life (fauna and flora) for many decades, potentially more than a century.

In addition, this issue is also urgent and particularly sensitive in connection with a plan under consideration to establish an industrial wind farm covering an area of more than 50 km² in the waters off Dunkirk. It should also be noted that part of the North Sea is classified under Natura 2000.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to help Member States address this serious problem we are facing?
2. What resources does it intend to deploy and in what timeframe?
3. What is the situation with the infrastructure projects concerned?

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