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to the Commission
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Subject: Soaring fuel costs and suffocating CFP framework leave fishers in despair

The skyrocketing cost of fuel and other supplies, damage to fishing gear by marine mammals, crippling control and electronic monitoring requirements and the phasing-out of traditional fishing gear are taking a toll on coastal fisheries. An illustrative example is the cost of fuel: supplying one tonne to a fishing vessel now costs some EUR 1 450, up from EUR 600 to 650 before the war in Ukraine.

This situation has sparked protests among fishermen in Greece and across the EU.

With this in mind, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What view does it take of the fact that, at a time when the EU and national government approach makes ordinary people foot the bill for involvement in wars, the fisheries sector is having to cope with the impossible cost of fuel, suffocating restrictions, crippling control obligations and other burdens arising from the CFP?
2. What view does it take of the fact that, while shipowners enjoy outrageous fuel subsidies and tax exemptions, struggling fishermen are not being granted any substantial fuel subsidies, since tax-free fuel alone no longer sufficiently offsets the soaring prices, prompting them to call for immediate, permanent support measures, namely substantial fuel subsidies for fishing vessels, full compensation for damage to vessels and gear and the immediate removal of the disproportionate red tape under the CFP?
3. What is the Commission's view on the unacceptable situation in Greek territorial waters, where unchecked, illegal activities are being carried out by Turkish fishing vessels in the Aegean Sea and by Italian fishers in the Ionian Sea, leading to the displacement of Greek fishers and the depletion of fish stocks?

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