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- Written comments by Lithuania

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Delegations will find attached written comments by the Lithuanian delegation on the abovementioned proposal.
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Written comments by Lithuania

In light of the Commission’s proposal for the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks in the Baltic Sea for 2024 Lithuanian fisheries authorities note that the future of the Baltic Sea fishery is currently of our greatest concern.

Regarding the proposal to close direct fisheries for Central and Bothnian herring and, in relation to that, significant reduction of sprat fishing opportunities, Lithuania is deeply concerned about the social and economic impact that decision would inevitably cause. A comprehensive socioeconomic impact assessment of the Commission’s proposal is crucial at this point.

Lithuania urges to adhere to the principles of the of good governance under the CFP, in particular those of the decision-making based on best available scientific advice, a long-term perspective, and the use of impact assessments as appropriate. The Commission should uphold the CFP objective of ensuring the balance of environmental, economic, social sustainability of fishery as well as contribution to the availability of food supplies. Lithuania therefore calls on the Commission to revise its proposal accordingly in order to reach a well-supported compromise.

Lithuanian authorities are still scrutinising the proposal and maintains the possibility to provide additional comments.