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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of European seas from chemical and conventional weapons

**Ivan Jakovčić (ALDE)**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection of European seas from chemical and conventional weapons**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas many European seas are full of leftover weapons from the First and Second World Wars, and from the most recent war in the Balkans;
- B. whereas there is a high concentration of chemical and conventional weapons, with an estimated 900 000 sea mines, 1.6 million tonnes of conventional weapons and 220 000 tonnes of chemical weapons in the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, and 15 551 yperite aerial bombs, 2 533 ammunition boxes, 20 000 tonnes of chemical ordnance and thousands of bomblets from cluster bombs in the Adriatic Sea;
- C. highlighting the danger that those weapons represent for the protection of the marine ecosystem, together with their dangerous impact on economic activities such as fishing, tourism, energy infrastructure (wind farms, power cables, pipelines) and transport;
- D. whereas there are successful European programmes in place, including Chemsea, Modum, Umbrella and Ritmare;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to prepare, in cooperation with the Member States, local and regional authorities and other interested parties, a comprehensive programme aimed at preventing further pollution of European seas.