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Dear Mr Zieliński,

Commissioner Kadis thanks you for the Baltic Sea Advisory Council's recommendations on seals and cormorants of 29 November 2024. He has taken good note of them and has asked me to reply on his behalf.

We know that this is an important topic for the various stakeholders in the Baltic Sea. Please be informed that we shared the recommendations with our colleagues in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment, which is leading on the related pieces of legislation. I am informed that they also replied to you. As you also know, they are currently undertaking a "fitness check" of the legislation relating to seals.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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