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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its opinion on the report on the implementation of the TEN-E in 2007-2009 {COM(2010) 203 final}.

The Assembleia da República agrees that the energy networks must be upgraded to meet the energy policy objectives (20/20/20), that the Union funding mechanisms are to be strengthened and that a new approach to define strategic priority projects is needed where Member States are involved, particularly for planning and coordination purposes.

In this context, I would like to inform you that on October 19th of 2011 the Commission proposed a Regulation on Guidelines for Trans-European Energy Infrastructure {COM(2011) 658 final} which reflects the ideas put forward in your opinion. The proposed Regulation identifies a limited number of energy infrastructure corridors across Europe as well as beyond our borders that are necessary to make our infrastructure fit for the 21st century. The proposal also puts forward a set of measures to accelerate the implementation of these corridors. These new guidelines are accompanied by the proposal for a Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) {COM(2011) 665 final} which addresses the rules for the use of Union financial aid and foresees a budget of € 9.1 billion for energy for the period 2014-2020.

I look forward to continuing our policy dialogue in the future, whilst apologising for the extremely long delay of this reply.

Yours faithfully,

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