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*Mrs. Maria da Assunção Esteves
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Dear President,

The European Commission would like to thank the Portuguese Parliament for its opinion on the European Commission's Report on State aid granted by the EU Member States, Autumn 2010 Update {COM(2010) 701 final}.

The Commission is pleased that your parliament considers the State aid Scoreboard to be a valuable instrument for providing State aid information and very much welcomes discussions at national level on the State aid Scoreboard.

The Commission takes note of your suggestion to provide more detail in the Scoreboard on the aid granted by Member States, in particular by specifying the amounts for guarantees and other aid measures granted by the different Member States. The Commission services will take this into consideration in future Scoreboard updates.

In this regard we would also like to recall that the basis for the Scoreboard are the data provided by Member States in their annual reports on expenditure on existing State aid measures, according to specific parameters as outlined in Annex III of Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004¹. Currently, the Commission is working on the revision of these reporting obligations. The proposal will take into consideration the results of the public consultation closed on 20 July 2011².

The Commission is looking forward to further deepen the political dialogue with the Portuguese Parliament whilst apologising for the delay in our response

Yours faithfully,

*/-/ Maroš Šefčovič
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¹ OJ L 140, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

² http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2011_reporting_obligations/index_en.html