



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending certain regulations relating to the common commercial policy as regards the granting of delegated powers for the adoption of certain measures {COM(2011) 349 final} and would like to apologise for the long delay in replying.*

*The Commission agrees that it is important that the scope of delegated acts be carefully defined to ensure that any delegated acts which are adopted do not fall outside it. This is a question which needs to be addressed on a provision-by-provision basis and is one of the issues currently being examined in the legislative process at the EU level.*

*The delegation of powers to the Commission is delimited by many guarantees for the European Parliament and the Council. The co-legislators not only decide whether and under which circumstances powers should be delegated to the Commission, but also retain control of the delegated power through the possibility to oppose a delegated act adopted by the Commission or even to revoke the delegation of powers to the Commission.*

*I hope that these explanations serve to clarify the points raised in your reasoned Opinion and I look forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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