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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme 2013 {COM(2012) 629 final}. The views of national Parliaments constitute valuable contributions to the debate on political priorities of the European Union.

The Commission also thanks the Assembleia da República for its support of the overall objectives set out in the Work Programme. The Commission welcomes the specific involvement of all the relevant parliamentary committees of the Assembleia da República and their decision to identify items of particular importance.

The Commission is grateful for the reactions of the Assembleia da República on the priority areas highlighted in the Work Programme. The Commission takes note of the particular emphasis put by the Assembleia da República on certain work strands within these priorities and on the emphasis on specific and well-targeted proposals. It is also important to recall that in the framework of Europe 2020, the European Semester process provides an overall framework to identify and promote the most effective steps to address the economic challenge.

The Work Programme is now under way with a number of key proposals adopted. The specific indications made by the Assembleia da República will be of particular value in this process.

The Commission hopes that these reflections contribute to an on-going dialogue with the Assembleia da República and looks forward to deepening the exchanges on specific proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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