



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion concerning the Proposal for a Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax {COM(2013) 71 final} and for its support for this proposal.*

*The Commission would like to stress that the proposal at issue as such does not deal with the aspect of the revenue attribution to the EU budget. The Commission has tabled separate proposals in this respect which are part of the debate on the 2014-2020 EU Multiannual Financial Framework.*

*In this context, the Commission has stated that the Financial Transaction Tax under enhanced cooperation could still be a viable basis for an own resource of the EU budget.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised in the Opinion and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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