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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme for 2016 {COM(2015) 610 final}. The views of national Parliaments provide valuable contributions to the debate on the political priorities of the European Union and the Commission encourages national Parliaments to see the Work Programme as a strategic tool which allows for an early exchange on priorities.*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for supporting the priorities set out in the Work Programme as well as for highlighting the important challenges that the EU is facing today and that these call for a strong and common answer.*

*The Commission takes note of the initiatives selected by the Assembleia da República for closer monitoring and scrutiny.*

*As the Assembleia da República notes, energy, environment and climate are key priorities. The Commission has already presented an ambitious Circular Economy Package last December and, having invested considerable efforts towards the Paris Agreement on climate change, which will steer the world towards a global clean energy transition, the Commission presented on 2 March 2016 a Communication on the implications of the agreement {COM(2016) 110}. A proposal for a New Skills Agenda for Europe will be presented in early June and the mid-term review of the 2014-2020 Multi-Annual Financial Framework will be presented by the end of 2016. The preparatory work on the proposal on a New Start for Working Parents is ongoing.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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