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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Turkey) {COM(2016) 279 final}.

The Commission welcomes the fact that the Committee shares the view that the proposal does not breach the principle of subsidiarity and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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