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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 on cross-border parcel delivery services {COM(2016) 285 final}.

Affordable, efficient and reliable parcel delivery services are essential for e-commerce, yet at present high delivery prices often stop e-retailers and consumers from buying and selling more online. Making cross-border delivery more affordable and accessible would help consumers get a better deal and allow them to choose from a wider range of products. It would also support e-retailers to reach new consumers and create more business for parcel delivery providers.

The proposal is a targeted measure to improve parcel delivery services that complements the Commission's wider work to implement the Digital Single Market strategy¹ and to facilitate cross-border e-commerce.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's overall support for the proposal and shares the view that action at the EU level is necessary and brings added value as compared to action by the Member States alone.

¹ COM(2015) 192 final.

The points made above are based on the initial proposal presented by the Commission which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council, in which your government is represented.

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

Yours faithfully,

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