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*cc. Mr Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues  
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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Code {COM(2016) 590 final/2}.*

*This proposal forms part of an ambitious package of EU telecoms rules designed to meet the growing connectivity needs of European citizens and businesses and boost Europe's competitiveness<sup>1</sup>. In proposing these measures, the Commission is making good on the promise in its Communication of May 2015, A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe<sup>2</sup>, to present an ambitious overhaul of the regulatory framework for electronic communications with a view to making telecom rules fit for purpose as part of the creation of the right conditions for the Digital Single Market.*

*The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support for the revision of the regulatory framework for electronic communications as well as its recognition that the proposal, which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council, respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

*Andrus Ansip  
Vice-President*

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<sup>1</sup> [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-3008\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3008_en.htm)

<sup>2</sup> COM(2015) 192 final.