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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme 2017 {COM(2016) 710 final} and takes note of those initiatives it has selected for closer monitoring and scrutiny.

The Commission has already presented a large number of the initiatives announced in the Work Programme. These include proposals under the Youth Initiative and the implementation of the Energy Union Strategy, the European Pillar of Social Rights package, the Mid-term review of the implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy, as well as initiatives following up on the Security Agenda and the Action Plan on terrorist financing. Other initiatives already brought forward include a proposal to reinforce the European Union's Trade Defence Instruments, as well as the initiatives launching a European Defence Fund and on the European Union Global Strategy. The Commission would like to underline that the Better Regulation agenda remains a top priority and that its principles are diligently applied throughout the decision-making process.

The Commission looks forward to receiving the Assembleia da República's detailed opinions on adopted proposals and to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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