



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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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 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast){COM(2016) 767 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support for the proposal which is an important element of the Energy Union and which sets out a number of measures across various sectors aimed at fostering the deployment of renewables. This ambitious set of measures would allow Member States collectively, and the European Union as a whole, to reach the target of at least 27% of renewable energy in gross final consumption of energy in the Union by 2030. The proposal also aims at setting the conditions which would enable sustained investment in renewables across the electricity, buildings, industry, transport, heating and cooling sectors, as well as empowering consumers, so that Europe can reap the benefits in terms of growth, jobs, increased supply security and the environment.*

*The Commission agrees with the Assembleia da República that the proposal provides an adequate reply to the obstacles to the development of renewables, including investment uncertainty, administrative barriers, the need to guarantee the cost efficient development of renewables and the lack of citizens' involvement in the energy transition until 2030.*

*The proposal is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement amongst co-legislators will be reached in the near future.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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