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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 of the European Parliament and of the Council on risk-preparedness in the electricity sector and repealing Directive 2005/89/EC {COM(2016) 862 final}. The Commission is grateful for Assembleia da República's broad support for the aim of the proposal.

The proposal was adopted as part of the 'Clean Energy for all Europeans' package with a view to strengthening the security of electricity supply in the European Union. Together with the other initiatives in the package, the proposed Regulation promotes secure, sustainable, competitive and affordable energy in line with the objectives of the Energy Union.

The proposal aims to ensure that citizens in Europe are better protected against black-outs at a lesser cost. It would ensure that all Member States put in place appropriate tools to prevent, prepare for and manage electricity crisis situations. The proposal also requires Member States to cooperate with each other in a regional context and in a spirit of solidarity, with a view to ensuring that electricity is delivered where it is most needed in the event of an electricity crisis situation.

In the context of risk preparedness, the increasing interconnection of electricity markets in the Union requires a better coordination of security of supply measures. In the absence of such coordination, it is likely that measures adopted at national level could jeopardise the internal market and the security of supply in other Member States or across the Union. In addition, regional coordination could provide important benefits for consumers in terms of enhanced security of supply with more efficient and less costly measures. Member States have to agree on the regionally coordinated measures in order to ensure that crisis situations with a cross border impact are properly prevented and managed. At the same time, the proposal ensures that national specificities are taken into account when Member States prepare their risk preparedness plans.

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

Yours faithfully,

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