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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Communication on Investing In Europe's Youth {COM(2016) 940 final}.*

*As the Assembleia da República underlines, despite recent improvements, the problem of youth unemployment remains a challenge within the Union that can only be addressed by a concerted strategy, developed in cooperation with young people. The Commission will continue supporting Member States in their implementation of the Youth Guarantee and is paying particular attention to the quality of offers.*

*As announced in the Communication, the Commission is currently working on a revised European Youth Strategy, with the aim to further increase young people's opportunities in education, employment and society, as well as to promote their role as active citizens.*

*The Communication foresees a broad cooperation and a joint commitment between the European Union and Member States in full respect of Member States' responsibilities concerning the content and organisation of the education system and vocational training. In line with the principle of subsidiarity, the suggestions set out in the Communication relating to education and training envisage implementing Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which provides that the Union shall contribute to the development of quality education by encouraging cooperation between Member States and, if necessary, by supporting and supplementing their action, and Article 166 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which provides that the Union shall implement a vocational training policy which shall support and supplement the action of Member States.*

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*The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's interest in following closely the developments related in particular to the Youth Guarantee and the European Solidarity Corps.*

*The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Assembleia da República and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
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