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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Communication on Improving and Modernising Education {COM(2016) 941 final}.

As set out in this Communication, education is a key priority on the European Union agenda and the Commission is committed to supporting Member States in devising and implementing reforms to their education systems. To this end, the Communication announces a series of actions to help Member States provide high quality education for all young people on which the Commission is delivering. Most importantly, the Commission published in May 2017 two sectoral Communications that include targeted actions to support Member States in modernising their education systems: the Communication on a renewed European Union agenda for higher education {COM(2017) 247 final} and the Communication on school development and excellent teaching for a great start in life {COM(2017) 248 final}. On the same day, the Commission also adopted a proposal for a Council Recommendation on tracking graduates {COM(2017) 249 final}.

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

Yours faithfully,

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