



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Commission proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards the mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements {COM(2017) 335 final}.

The Commission proposal aims to reinforce certain transparency aspects of the existing taxation framework with the objective of increasing the amount of information that the tax authorities have at their disposal in the fight against tax avoidance and evasion. The Commission appreciates the positive outcome of the scrutiny process undertaken by the Assembleia da República on this proposal.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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