



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions with regard to matters not related to substantive criminal law and judicial cooperation in criminal matters {COM(2017) 387 final}.*

*The Commission adopted the proposal in an attempt to speed up the signing and eventual conclusion of the Council of Europe Convention by the European Union. Unfortunately, the proposal remains blocked in Council. The Commission will continue to strive for a solution to break the deadlock.*

*The Opinion of the Assembleia da República is a recognition of the fact that the Convention needs to come into force within the European Union and all Member States as quickly as possible. This would represent an important step forward in the fight against match-fixing.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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