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*cc. Mr Eduardo FERRO RODRIGUES  
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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion concerning the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on [the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)], the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526/2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification ("Cybersecurity Act") {COM(2017) 477 final}.*

*The Commission's proposal for a strong, permanent and focused mandate of the European Union Cybersecurity Agency builds on the main achievements of the Agency in the field of cooperation, support to capacity building and policy development and implementation at Union level – and on the requirements of European Union law, in particular the important tasks attributed to the agency by the Directive on Security of Networks and Information Systems (the 'NIS Directive')<sup>1</sup>. At the same time, the proposal entrusts the European Network and Information Security Agency with new responsibilities in the future European Union cybersecurity certification framework, which forms an integral part of the proposal.*

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<sup>1</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union; OJ L 194, 19.7.2016, p. 1–30.

*The cybersecurity certification framework will provide the Union with a much needed common approach in this area, making certification stronger and at the same time more accessible to both suppliers and users of Information and Communication Technologies.*

*The Commission shares the view that cybersecurity is a matter of common interest of the Union and that action at Union level is required to strengthen European capacities in cybersecurity and the need for a single European framework for cybersecurity.*

*The proposal is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached before the end of its current mandate in 2019.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

*Mariya Gabriel  
Member of the Commission*