



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Directive on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/413/JHA {COM(2017) 489 final}.

This proposal was adopted as a part of the package of measures designed to enhance cybersecurity in the European Union, presented on 13 September 2017.

In proposing this initiative, the Commission is following up on the commitment it undertook in the European Agenda on Security {COM(2015) 185 final} to review the existing EU legal framework, which dates back to 2001, and remedy identified shortcomings.

The Commission is pleased that the Assembleia da República shares the view that action at the European Union level as envisaged in the proposal is required to facilitate law enforcement and judicial cooperation against fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment.

The Commission welcomes the clear assessment as regards the respect of the principle of subsidiarity provided by the Assembleia da República.

The Assembleia da República's Opinion has been made available to the Commission's representatives in the ongoing negotiations with the European Parliament and the Council.

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

Yours faithfully,

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