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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the sales of goods amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive 2009/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council {COM(2017) 637 final}.

On 9 December 2015 the Commission adopted a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods together with a proposal for a Directive on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content. These proposals are important elements of the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy which is among President Juncker's priorities.

During the discussion on the proposal for a Directive on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods in the European Parliament and in the Council, the need to have the same rules for both distance and face-to-face sales was stressed. By presenting this amended proposal which extends the scope of the original proposal to face-to-face sales, the Commission responds to the concerns expressed in the legislative discussion.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support to the amended proposal.

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Discussions in the European Parliament and the Council concerning the proposal are underway. The proposal is indicated among the legislative priorities for 2018 in the Joint Declaration of the Presidents of the European Parliament, Council and Commission of 14 December 2017¹. Given this commitment, the Commission is confident that an agreement can be reached in the near future.

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

Yours faithfully,

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¹ Joint declaration on legislative priorities for 2018-2019, 14 December 2017.
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/joint-declaration-eus-legislative-priorities-2018_en