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 Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO_2 emissions from light-duty vehicles and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 {COM(2017) 676 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Assembleia da República to the proposal, which will contribute to the Energy Union Framework Strategy's goal to bring about the transition to a low-carbon, secure and competitive economy.

Following the Commission's adoption of the proposal, discussions are ongoing in the Council Working Party on Environment under the Bulgarian Presidency. On the side of the European Parliament, the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs have been nominated, and discussions have started. The Commission is hopeful that an agreement will be reached between the co-legislators in the course of this year.

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

Yours faithfully,

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