



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 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast) {COM(2017) 753 final}.

In proposing a revision of Directive 98/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption, the Commission is first of all responding to the first ever successful European Citizens' Initiative 'Right2Water', and secondly following up on the United Nations Agenda 2030, more particularly Sustainable Development Goal 6 and its associated targets.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support for the proposal. The legislative process involving the European Parliament and the Council is now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached before the end of the current parliamentary term in 2019.

The Assembleia da República's Opinion has been made available to the Commission's representatives in the ongoing negotiations and will inform these discussions.

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

Yours faithfully,

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