



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 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism {COM(2017) 772 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support to the proposal which introduces targeted amendments allowing the Union to support, coordinate and supplement Member States activities in the field of civil protection.

Building on the principles of solidarity and shared responsibility, the overall objective of the proposal is to ensure that the Union can provide better crisis and emergency support to its citizens in Europe and beyond, in full compliance with Article 196 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

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

Yours faithfully,

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