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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 Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union {COM(2017) 797 final}.

On 17 November 2017, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission jointly proclaimed the European Pillar of Social Rights, setting out a number of key principles and rights to support fair and well-functioning labour markets and welfare systems. The principles defined in the Pillar explicitly address the challenges related to new forms of employment and adequate working conditions in atypical forms of employment.

The proposal is a major contribution to implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights, notably its Principles 5 (Secure and adaptable employment) and 7 (Information about employment conditions). The aim is to ensure a set of minimum fair working conditions across the European Union and across all forms of contracts. This will set a framework within which new forms of work could further develop offering fairer protection to workers, a clearer reference framework for national inspectors, legislators and courts. This new framework will offer a better level playing field for business within the internal market.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support to the proposal. Discussions between the Commission and the co-legislators concerning the proposal are now underway and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached before the end of the current Parliamentary term.

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

Yours faithfully,

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