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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank Assembleia da República for its Opinion concerning the mandate of the Joint Cooperation Committee and the mandate of the subcommittees established by the Joint Cooperation Committee under the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Canada {JOIN(2017) 40 final}.

The Commission would like to take the opportunity to welcome the ratification by Portugal of the Strategic Partnership Agreement with Canada on 8 December 2017.

The Strategic Partnership Agreement, which is based on shared values between Canada and the European Union for democracy, human rights and the rule of law will strengthen the parties' strategic partnership through political dialogue and cooperation on foreign and security policy and broaden the cooperation on sectoral issues beyond trade.

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

Yours faithfully,

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