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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax as regards rates of value added tax {COM(2018) 20 final}.

This proposal is part of a reform package, announced in the Action Plan on Value Added Tax {COM(2016) 148 final}, and adopted by the Commission on 7 April 2016. The aim of the proposal is to create a robust single European value added tax area for which a simpler and fraud-proof definitive value added tax system for intra-Union trade will be set up. The main objectives of the proposal are to grant Member States more flexibility in setting rates of value added tax and to establish equal treatment between Member States.

The proposal is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The Opinion of the Assembleia da República 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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