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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 Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching {COM(2018) 23 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's positive assessment with regard to the subsidiarity and the proportionality principles and would like to point out that the Council of the European Union has meanwhile adopted this Recommendation on 22 May 2018¹.

This Recommendation is part of a wider initiative to strengthen European identity through education and culture and also responds to the European Council Conclusions of December 2017². It demonstrates how education can help promote the common values set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union to which every Member State has signed up: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights.

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

Yours faithfully,

*Věra JOUROVÁ
Member of the Commission*

¹ <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-8015-2018-INIT/en/pdf>

² <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/32204/14-final-conclusions-rev1-en.pdf>