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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU {COM(2018) 51 final}.

The main objective of the proposal is to ensure a better functioning of the internal market, while contributing to a high level of human health protection. This is to be achieved by improving patients' access to the most innovative health technologies in a more timely and equitable manner across the Union. The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's assessment that the proposal is in line with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and respects Member States' rights and obligations under Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The proposal is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council, and the Commission remains hopeful that an agreement will be reached in the near future.

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

Yours faithfully,

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