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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Communication ‘A Europe that delivers: Institutional options for making the European Union’s work more efficient’ {COM(2018) 95 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República’s interest in the Communication which contributed to the Informal Leaders’ meeting of 23 February 2018. In this Communication, the Commission proposes ideas and options which identify ways of further enhancing the European dimension and the democratic legitimacy of the European Union’s decision-making process. The Commission calls on the European political parties to choose their lead candidates (‘Spitzenkandidaten’) by the end of 2018 and to encourage transparency regarding the affiliation of national and regional parties with European parties, lead candidates and the groups in the European Parliament. The Commission is also asking the Member States to consider the reduction of the size of the European Commission and to consider efficiency gains of the creation, over time, of a double-hatted President of the European Council and the European Commission. The Commission is calling on the Member States to foster public debate and engagement on the future of Europe in the run-up of the Sibiu Summit on 9 May 2019 and the elections to the European Parliament, by developing Citizens’ Dialogues and similar debates and consultations in all Member States according to their national traditions, with high-level participation.

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its contributions to date and would like to invite the Assembleia da República to continue to engage in the future of Europe debate. It looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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