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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a review of Directive 2003/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the re-use of public sector information (recast) {COM(2018) 234} final}.

As part of its Digital Single Market strategy and building on the data protection legislation in force, the Commission proposed on 25 April 2018 a package of measures as a key step towards creating a common data space in the European Union – a seamless digital area with the scale that will enable the development of new products and services based on data.

The proposed recast of Directive 2003/98/EC aims to enhance the re-use of public sector information by removing the barriers that still prevent its full re-use.

The Commission is pleased that the Assembleia da República concludes that the objective pursued by the proposal will be achieved more effectively by means of action at Union level, and that it therefore is in line with the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity.

The initial proposal presented by the Commission is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council.

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

Yours faithfully,

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