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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 promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services {COM(2018) 238 final}.

This proposal forms part of the Commission's Digital Single Market strategy and aims at ensuring a fair, predictable, sustainable and trusted legal environment, with an appropriate degree of transparency and effective redress possibilities, for business users, corporate website users, online intermediation services and online search engines. It assists European Union business users in trading across borders, while safeguarding the innovation potential of the wider online platform ecosystems. It principally aims to safeguard trust in online platforms by clarifying the “rules of the game” for business users, improving competition on platform quality by playing on reputational levers and by facilitating out-of-court dispute settlement.

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 does not breach 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 with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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