## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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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 Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural products {COM (2018) 264 final}.

This proposal was adopted by the Council on 25 June 2018, without any changes, and was published as Council Regulation (EU) 2018/913 (OJ L 162 of 27.6.2018).

The Commission will continue working in close cooperation with Member States when managing the scheme of autonomous tariff quotas, in order to adapt Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 to the needs of the Union's economy. For this purpose, it is also worthwhile to mention that Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 is amended twice a year.

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

Yours faithfully,

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