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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 establishing a European Maritime Single Window environment and repealing Directive 2010/65/EU {COM(2018) 278 final}.

This initiative is part of the Third 'Europe on the Move' Package, which is designed to complete the process of enabling Europe to reap the full benefits of the modernisation of mobility. The purpose of this proposal is to address the current non-harmonised reporting environment for ships and to simplify exchanges between maritime authorities and companies.

The Commission is pleased that the Assembleia da República shares the view that action at the level of the European Union, as envisaged in the proposal, is necessary to address the issue of reducing the administrative burden for ships calling at European Union's ports. The simplification of administrative formalities for shipping and maritime carriage of goods is the principal concern of the Union's shipping industry and maritime transport stakeholders, a point highlighted also by the Valletta Declaration.

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

The Commission thanks the Assembleia da República for its support and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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