



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) 2018/120 as regards certain fishing opportunities {COM(2018) 352 final}. The Commission welcomes the support expressed by the Assembleia da República and welcomes its view on the need to take action at the level of the European Union.

The proposal aims at amending the 2018 fishing opportunities Regulation with a view to establishing total allowable catches for short lived species and to implementing in the Union law the agreements reached in bilateral consultations with third countries and decisions taken by the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation.

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

Yours faithfully,

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