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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 amending Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards the re-commitment of the remaining amounts committed to support the implementation of the Council Decisions (EU) 2015/1523 and (EU) 2015/1601 or the allocation thereof to other actions under the national programmes {COM(2018) 719 final}.

With this amendment, Member States are able to continue showing solidarity in terms of relocating and resettling eligible persons. It also provides the possibility for Member States to use the available funding for other actions defined in the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund Regulation, when duly justified in the national programmes.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's Opinion, stating that this initiative does not breach the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, and that the objective will be achieved more effectively by means of action at Union level.

Discussions among the Commission and the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council, have been successfully concluded in December 2018 and the legal act has been adopted and entered into force on 21 December 2018.

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

Yours faithfully,

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