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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme for 2019 {COM(2018) 800 final}.

The Commission welcomes the thorough analysis of its Work Programme for 2019 by the Assembleia da República and takes due account of the observations put forward in the Opinion.

The Commission particularly welcomes the broad support for the new initiatives set out in Annex 1 of the Commission Work Programme, several of them particularly highlighted as important initiatives by the consulted Committees.

The Commission welcomes the broad support for the priority pending proposals listed in Annex 3 of the Commission Work Programme of 2019. This list allowed the Commission, together with the European Parliament and the Council, to keep strong focus on finding agreement on those initiatives needed to deliver positive change across the ten priorities of the Commission for 2014-2019. Thanks to these focused efforts, agreement was found on 77 of the proposals listed in Annex 3 of the Commission Work Programme 2019 by the end of the Parliamentary mandate. In total, this Commission made 471 new legislative proposals and carried over an additional 44 presented by previous Commissions. Of these, 348 proposals have been adopted or agreed by the European Parliament and the Council during the current mandate.

The Commission also welcomes the support of the Assembleia da República to agree on the proposals for the post 2020 Multiannual Financial Framework. The December 2018 European Council agreed to the shared objective of reaching an agreement on the future long-term budget in the European Council in autumn 2019. At a time of change for the Union and in an increasingly turbulent world, a timely agreement would show that the Union is united and ready to act. The progress made so far constitutes a solid basis for the final stage of negotiations.

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The Commission looks forward to continued involvement of the Assembleia da República on the above topics and to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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