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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 in order to allow for the continuation of the territorial cooperation programmes PEACE IV (Ireland - United Kingdom) and United Kingdom - Ireland (Ireland - Northern Ireland - Scotland) in the context of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union {COM(2018) 892 final}.

It welcomes the Assembleia da República's support for the proposal and its conclusion that action at the European level is necessary to achieve the aims of the proposal, which was adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on 19 March 2019.

The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for linking the Institutions and the citizens of the European Union, and looks forward to continuing it with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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