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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council on the Action Plan on Military Mobility {JOIN(2018) 5 final}.

As the Assembleia da República correctly points out, this Communication aims at making full use of civilian/military synergies to expedite military mobility — both within our borders and with a view to rapidly deploying military operations abroad. It sets out a list of actions at the level of the European Union to improve military mobility, including the dual use of trans-European transport network infrastructure and related investment as well as regulatory and procedural issues (e.g. transport of dangerous goods, customs and value added tax rules, cross-border movement permission).

The Commission would also like to inform the Assembleia da República that the Military requirements for military mobility which are referred to in the Communication have been finalised by the Council and submitted to the Commission. The next steps will be taken on this basis, including the comparative analysis with the trans-European transport network parameters and geographical coverage, and the definition of dual-use investments.

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

Yours faithfully,

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