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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion concerning the Joint proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Japan {JOIN(2018)10 final}.

The Strategic Partnership Agreement, which is based on shared EU-Japan values for democracy, human rights and the rule of law, will broaden and deepen the parties' strategic partnership through political dialogue and cooperation on foreign and security policy as well as on a wide range of sectoral issues.

The Commission looks forward to the entry into force of the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement, and to its effective implementation.

Yours faithfully,

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