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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax and Directive 2008/118/EC concerning the general arrangements for excise duty as regards defence effort within the Union framework {COM(2019) 192 final}.

It appreciates that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse this proposal and welcomes its conclusion that action at the European level is necessary to achieve its aims.

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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