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Chair of the European Affairs Committee  
of the Assembleia da República  
Palácio de S. Bento  
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*cc. Mr Eduardo FERRO RODRIGUES  
President  
of the Assembleia da República  
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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 Regulation activating the emergency support under Council Regulation (EU) 2016/369 of 15 March 2016 and amending its provisions in respect of the COVID-19 outbreak {COM(2020) 175 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's support for the aims of the proposal and its conclusion that, given the global dimension of the COVID-19 pandemic, the large scale of its economic and social effects, and the high strain of the health care systems in all Member States, action at Union level is necessary.*

*The Regulation was adopted by the Council on 14 April<sup>1</sup>.*

*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 the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*

*Johannes Hahn  
Member of the Commission*

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2020/521, OJ L 117, 15.4.2020