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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Portugal, Spain, Italy and Austria {COM(2020) 200 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's assessment that this proposal complies with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. The proposal aims to mobilise the European Union Solidary Fund in favour of four Member States struck by natural disasters and to provide, among others, EUR 8 212 697 to Portugal following the damage caused by Hurricane Lorenzo in the Azores.

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,

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