



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinions on the proposals for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism {COM(2020) 220 final} and for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) N° 1257/96 of 20 June 1996 concerning Humanitarian Aid {COM(2020) 461 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse these proposals and welcomes its conclusion that the objectives of the proposals cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States and that action at the EU level is necessary.

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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