



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for Council Decision authorising Portugal to apply a reduced rate of excise duty on certain alcoholic products produced in the autonomous regions of Madeira and the Azores {COM(2020) 240 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse this proposal. It welcomes the Assembleia da República's support for the aims of the proposal, as well as its conclusion that action at the EU level is necessary to achieve these 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 the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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