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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) {COM(2020) 447 final} and the amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument {COM(2020) 450 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Assembleia da República's conclusion that the objectives of these 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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