



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 a Council Directive amending Council Directive 2006/112/EC as regards temporary measures in relation to value added tax for COVID-19 vaccines and in vitro diagnostic medical devices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic {COM(2020) 688 final}.*

*The Commission appreciates that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse this proposal and concluded that it complies with the principle of subsidiarity, as action at the EU level is necessary to achieve its 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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