

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION** 

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Dear Chair,

The European Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Authority for combating money laundering and terrorist financing {COM(2021) 421 final}; and on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mechanisms to be put in place by the Member States for the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing {COM(2021) 423 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse these proposals and welcomes its conclusion that action at the European level is necessary to achieve the aims of the proposals, and that they comply with the principle of subsidiarity.

The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for bringing the European institutions and the citizens of the European Union closer together, and is looking forward to continuing it with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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