



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 Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on protecting persons who engage in public participation from manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings (“Strategic lawsuits against public participation”) {COM(2022) 177 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse this proposal and welcomes its conclusion that action at the European level is necessary to achieve the aims of the proposal, and that it thus complies 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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