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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum requirements for water reuse {COM(2018) 337 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Cortes Generales' overall support for the proposal and its conclusion that the proposal is in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as laid down in the Treaty on European Union.

The transition towards a circular economy will provide Member States with good opportunities for economic growth and jobs while simultaneously protecting the environment and managing scarce resources such as water in a sustainable manner.

Whereas the extent of water scarcity varies considerably across the Member States, the reuse of treated waste water, in particular for agricultural irrigation, can nevertheless offer benefits. Wherever relevant in terms of integrated water management and cost efficiency, water reuse can offer a valuable alternative and sustainable water supply. It can also offer new opportunities for the development of green technologies.

In the case of Spain, an important share of the overall needs for irrigation water is already being met through reuse of treated waste water. The proposal aims at providing certainty to operators and consumers across the European Union and further contribute to the efficient functioning of the Internal Market for agricultural products.

The Commission once again thanks the Cortes Generales for their support and looks forward to continuing political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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