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*Dear Presidents,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Cortes Generales for their Opinion on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation {COM(2018) 436 final}.*

*As stated in the Report, research and innovation are a fundamental part of the knowledge society, and the 'Horizon Europe' proposal builds on the premise that a strong European dimension can be much more effective in terms of impact. It will respond to citizens' priorities and boost the productivity and competitiveness of the Union. It is based on three pillars (Open Science, Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness, as well as Open Innovation), accompanied by different actions to reinforce the European Research Area.*

*Horizon Europe is designed in such way that it will be able to adapt quickly to the economic, social and political context along the time of its programming.*

*The Commission welcomes the assessment by the Cortes Generales that the proposal complies with the principle of subsidiarity as established by Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union.*

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

*Yours faithfully,*

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