## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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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 amending Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies {COM(2020) 642 final} and on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030 {COM(2020) 652 final}.

The Commission appreciates that the Cortes Generales decided to analyse these proposals and welcomes their conclusion that the proposals comply with the principle of subsidiarity.

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 it with the Cortes Generales in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Maroš Šefčovič Vice-President