

III. OTHER PROVISIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SPAIN

4882 *Agreement of 6 May 2020, adopted by the Plenary of the Constitutional Court, on the calculation of the procedural and administrative time-limits that were suspended by virtue of the Agreement of 16 March 2020, during the effective period of Royal Decree 463/2020, of 14 March.*

In accordance with its Agreement of 16 March 2020 (Spanish Official State Gazette of 17 March 2020), the Plenary of the Constitutional Court decided that all time-limits to take any procedural or administrative actions before this Court were suspended during the effective period of Royal Decree 463/2020 and its potential extensions, without prejudice to the filing of appeals and other documents via the e-Register of the Constitutional Court.

Royal Decree-Law 16/2020, of 28 April, sets out a series of procedural and administrative measures to deal with the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the Administration of Justice. Its provisions are not directly applicable to the constitutional jurisdiction. Therefore, during a remote session, the Plenary of the Constitutional Court, on the proposal of its President and in the exercise of the powers conferred to it by article 10.1.n of the Organic Law 2/1979 on the Constitutional Court, of 3 October 1979, hereby agrees the following:

1st In the case of ongoing constitutional proceedings, all periods and time-limits suspended under the application of the Agreement by the Plenary of the Constitutional Court of 16 March 2020 shall be calculated from the beginning. Thus, the first day for the calculation will be the first working day following the day in which the suspension of the proceedings is lifted.

2nd The time-limits to file new appeals in all types of constitutional proceedings shall be the ones set out in the Organic Law 2/1979 on the Constitutional Court, of 3 October 1979. The calculation shall be made as in the previous paragraph.

3rd The ordinary regime of working days and hours (Agreement by the Plenary of the Constitutional Court of 15 June 1982) is still in force. In this sense, the month of August shall be a non-working month, as regards the lodging of appeals for constitutional protection (*amparo*) against judicial and administrative decisions, without prejudice to the filing of documents via the e-Registry on a voluntary basis. In accordance with the aforementioned agreement, this non-working characteristic does not apply to actions which, given their nature, cannot be delayed until the resumption of the ordinary activity of the Court. As regards interlocutory suspension, it does not apply in any case.

Madrid, 6 May 2020. -The President of the Constitutional Court of Spain, Juan José González Rivas.