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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT UPHOLDS THE SUSPENSION OF CATALONIA'S "DECLARATION OF SOVEREIGNTY"

The Plenary Meeting of the Constitutional Court has unanimously decided to uphold the suspension of Resolution 5/X, of 23 January, of the Parliament of Catalonia, which approved the declaration of sovereignty and the people of Catalonia's right of self-determination.

The Constitutional Court considers that said Resolution "deals with a matter of great constitutional importance," and therefore, upon analysing the various interests in play, it has decided "in favour of the ratification of suspension."

Last 7 May, the decision was reached by the Plenary Meeting to hear the appeal filed by the Government against the "declaration of sovereignty." In its court ruling, the Court then decided its automatic suspension with effects as of 8 March, or in other words as of the day on which the appeal was filed at the Constitutional Court.

Last 7 June, the attorneys of the Parliament of Catalonia requested that the suspension be lifted immediately. For this reason, the Plenary Meeting had to issue a statement once again before the term of five months elapsed which the Constitution sets as the maximum initial term for the Constitutional Court to ratify or lift the suspension (Article 161.2 CE) of appealed provisions or resolutions.

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