



## TRIBUNAL CONSTITUCIONAL

Gabinete del Presidente

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### **NOTA INFORMATIVA Nº 50/2013**

#### **THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECIDES TO HEAR THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AGAINST THE AUTONOMOUS ACT OF VALENCIA REGULATING CIVIL UNIONS**

The Plenary Meeting of the Constitutional Court has decided to hear the appeal filed by the Government against Act 5/2012, of 15 October 2012, on Civil Unions formalised in the Autonomous Region of Valencia. The Executive believes that this regulation infringes competences involving Civil Law which the Constitution attributes exclusively to the State.

The decision entails the automatic suspension of the autonomous regional act, because the Government invoked Article 161.2 of the Constitution ("The Government may challenge before the Constitutional Court those provisions and resolutions adopted by the bodies of Autonomous Regions. The challenge shall produce the suspension of the appealed provision or resolution, but the Court, where appropriate, must ratify or lift it within a term of no more than five months").

Madrid, 11 September 2013