



**SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**  
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## **INFORMATION NOTE No. 20/2014**

### **THE SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT GRANTS LEAVE TO PROCEED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AGAINST THE TOURISM ACT PASSED BY THE CANARY ISLANDS**

The Plenary Meeting of the Spanish Constitutional Court has granted leave to proceed to the appeal brought by the Government against Act 2/2013 of 29 May, on Tourism Renovation and Updating in the Canary Islands.

The Court has resolved to serve notice of the foregoing appeal to the Congress and to the Senate, as well as to the Government and Parliament of the Canary Islands, which have been granted a term of fifteen days in which to appear as party to these proceedings and submit their pleadings.

The Plenary Meeting also agreed to automatically suspend the validity of the provisions covered by this appeal, since the Government claimed the application of Article 161.2 of the Spanish Constitution (*"The Government may challenge before the Constitutional Court any provisions or resolutions adopted by the bodies of Autonomous Communities. Such challenge will entail the suspension of the provision or resolution in question, but the Court, as the case may be, shall ratify it or lift the suspension within a maximum of five months"*).

The granting of leave to proceed does not entail any decision whatsoever on the merits of the appeal, which the Court will examine shortly.

Madrid, 11 March 2014