

## **STATEMENT FROM THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**

The Plenary Meeting of the Spanish Constitutional Court, during today's ordinary meeting, has decided to grant leave to proceed to the unconstitutionality appeals lodged by the Spanish Government against Catalanian Parliamentary Act 10/2014, of 26 September, for citizen consultation other than a referendum and other forms of citizen participation; and against the Decree from the President of the Government of Catalonia 129/2014, of 27 September, for the calling of a citizen consultation other than a referendum on the political future of Catalonia.

Considering that the President of the Spanish Government has invoked, in both unconstitutionality appeals, the application of Article 161.2 of the Spanish Constitution, whereby if the Government brings before the Constitutional Court provisions and resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of Autonomous Communities and these are challenged, the challenged rule will be automatically suspended, the Court has ordered suspension both of the challenged provisions of the Act and challenged Decree.

In this case, the Plenary Meeting has decided not to delay its resolution— limited to ascertaining that the necessary procedural conditions exist for the appeals to be admitted, without examining their merits— given that the Constitutional Court is aware of the constitutional and political importance of the issues raised, for Spanish society as a whole and the Catalonians in particular.

Madrid, 29 September 2014.