



SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
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THE TC GRANTS LEAVE TO PROCEED TO AN APPEAL LODGED BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE CATALONIAN ACT ON FOREIGN ACTION

The Plenary Meeting of the Spanish Constitutional Court has granted leave to proceed to the appeal brought by the Government against Catalanian Act 16/2014, of 4 December, on foreign action and relations with the European Union.

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 Catalonia, 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 has also agreed to automatically suspend the rule challenged as a result of the Government upholding Art. 161.2 of the Spanish Constitution (*"The Government may contest before the Constitutional Court the provisions and resolutions adopted by bodies of the Autonomous Communities. This challenge shall entail the suspension of the contested provisions or resolutions, but the Court must either ratify or lift the suspension, as the case may be, within a period of not more than 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, 15 April 2015.