



SPANISH CONSTITUTIONAL COURT  
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## INFORMATION NOTE No. 69/2015

### THE TC GRANTS LEAVE TO PROCEED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AGAINST THE *GENERALITAT* ACT TAXING THE CONTENTS PROVIDED BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION PROVIDERS

The Plenary Meeting of the Spanish Constitutional Court has granted leave to proceed to the unconstitutionality appeal lodged by the Government against Chapter I of Act 15/2014, passed by the Catalanian Parliament, of 4 December, on the taxation of contents provided by electronic communication services providers and to promote the digital sector and disseminate digital culture.

The Court has resolved to serve notice of the foregoing appeal to the Congress, to the Senate, and 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 of the TC has also agreed to automatically suspend the challenged rule given that the Government's has upheld in its Article 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. A challenge will entail suspension of the contested provision or resolution, but the Court must either ratify or lift the suspension, as the case may be, 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, 14 September 2015.