



CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SPAIN  
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## INFORMATION NOTE No. 3/2016

### THE TC GRANTS LEAVES TO PROCEED TO THE APPEAL BROUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE REGIONAL ACT ON THE VICTIMS OF THE CONDUCT OF “EXTREME-RIGHT GROUPS OR CIVIL SERVANTS”

The Plenary Meeting of the Constitutional Court (TC) has granted leave to proceed to the unconstitutionality appeal brought by the President of the Government against Regional Act 19/2015, of 10 April, on the recognition and indemnification of victims of political steps taken by extreme-right groups or civil servants.

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 Navarre, 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 validity and application of the challenged precepts, 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, 21 January 2016.