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### THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT HAS SET A 48-HOUR DEADLINE FOR THE ELECTORAL INSTITUTION OF CATALONIA TO INFORM ABOUT THE MEASURES IT HAS ADOPTED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE SUSPENSION OF RESOLUTION 807/XI BY THE PARLIAMENT OF CATALONIA

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has resolved unanimously to request the appointed members of the electoral institution of Catalonia to inform the Court, as provided in article 92.4 of Organic Law on the Constitutional Court (LOTC), about the measures it has adopted in order to implement the precautionary suspension that, by virtue of a jurisdictional decree of the Court and effective as of September 7<sup>th</sup>, was ordered with regard to Resolution 807/XI of the Parliament of Catalonia.

Said jurisdictional decree was notified personally, *inter alia*, to the recently appointed members, either incumbent or substitute, of the electoral institution of Catalonia. All of them were warned by the Court of their “*duty to prevent or stop any initiative that might entail ignoring or circumventing the precautionary suspension*” of Resolution 807/XI, with due indication of the eventual responsibilities, including criminal ones, they may incur were they not to obey the order.

In view of the fact that, in spite of that order, the electoral institution of Catalonia has proceeded to the appointment of regional delegates (in the territories of Aran, Barcelona, Girona, Lleida and Tarragona), the Court has decided to initiate the proceedings established in article 92.4 LOTC, and thus personally request to the members of such electoral institution, both incumbent and substitutes, to “inform this Court, within a delay of 48 hours, of the measures adopted to implement the suspension of Resolution 807/XI of the Parliament of Catalonia”.

Upon request of the State Attorney, the Court has also extended the notification of the jurisdictional decree issued on September, 7<sup>th</sup> to all the members of the regional electoral institutions of Aran, Barcelona, Girona, Lleida and Tarragona. They are all warned by the Court of their “*duty to prevent or stop any initiative that entails ignoring or circumventing the ordered suspension*”. In particular, they must refrain from carrying out “*any act or activity in application of article 23 of [Catalan] Law 19/2017, of September, 6<sup>th</sup>, and from initiating, proceeding with, informing about or adopting any decision aimed at enforcing the provisions of that Law, and are warned of the eventual responsibilities, including criminal ones, they might incur were they to disobey this order*”.

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