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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT GRANTS LEAVE TO PROCEED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AGAINST THE BALEARIC LAW ON BULLFIGHTS

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has granted leave to proceed to the appeal of unconstitutionality brought by the President of the Government against various provisions of Law 9/2017, dated August 3rd, on the regulation of bullfights and the protection of animals in the Balearic Islands.

The Court resolves to communicate the application to the Congress of Deputies and the Senate, as well as to the Parliament and the Government of the Balearic Islands, which will have fifteen days to join the proceedings as parties and submit the arguments they deem appropriate.

The Plenary also resolved to suspend the validity and applicability of the challenged provisions. Such decision is an immediate consequence of the Government's reference to Article 161.2 of the Spanish Constitution in its appeal. This provision states the following: *"The Government may contest before the Constitutional Court the provisions and resolutions adopted by the agencies of the Autonomous Communities, which shall bring about 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 admission of the appeal and issuing a precautionary suspension do not imply any ruling by anticipation on the substance of the appeal, which will be decided by the Court at a later date.

Madrid, 4 December 2017.