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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT GRANTS LEAVE TO PROCEED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AGAINST EXTREAMADURA'S LAW ON SOCIAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING HOUSING

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has granted leave to proceed to the appeal on the ground of unconstitutionality lodged by the President of the Government against several provisions of Law 2/2017 adopted by the Regional Assembly of Extremadura, dated February 17th, on Social Emergency concerning Housing.

The Court has communicated the appeal to the Congress of Deputies and to the Senate, as well as to the Assembly and the Government of Extremadura, which now have fifteen days in order to join the proceedings as parties and submit any the arguments they deem appropriate.

The Plenary Session has also ordered the suspension of the validity and applicability of the challenged provisions. This decision is an automatic consequence of the Government's invocation of article 161.2 of the Constitution in its appeal. This article provides that: "*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.

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