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### **THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, VIA A UNANIMOUS DECISION, REJECTS THE WRITTEN DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY CARLES PUIGDEMONT AND MAINTAINS THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES RELATING TO HIS INVESTITURE AS PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT**

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court, via a unanimous decision, has determined to ratify the entirety of the ruling issued on the 27th, ordering the precautionary suspension of the resolutions of the President and the Parliamentary Assembly of Catalonia enabling the investiture of Carles Puigdemont as President of the Regional Government of Catalonia. In this manner, the Plenary Session responds to the written document that was presented yesterday evening by the elected members of parliament pertaining to Junts x Catalunya (JxCat), including Puigdemont, requesting the immediate precautionary suspension of the aforementioned ruling.

The Court rejects the notion that the precautionary measures ordered last Saturday violate the principle of parliamentary independence; or that they render the elected members of parliament pertaining to JxCat defenceless, as their defence is duly preserved upon accepting their appearance within the proceedings.

The Plenary Session affirms that respect must be shown for the authority that article 161.2 of the Constitution affords to the Government, to seek the suspension of the resolutions and provisions of Autonomous Regions that it appeals; furthermore, it reiterates the duty of all public authorities, including parliamentary chambers, to abide by the pronouncements of the Court.

Magistrate Judge Andrés Ollero has not intervened in the adoption of this resolution given that he did not take part in the deliberation and voting on the challenged ruling, as he was on sick leave.

Madrid, 30 January 2018