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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT ADMITS THE GOVERNMENT APPEAL AGAINST THE CATALONIAN LAW ON TAX, ADMINSTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SECTOR MEASURES

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has admitted the appeal on the grounds of unconstitutionality lodged by the President of the Government against several precepts of Parliament of Catalonia Law 5/2017, of 28 March, on tax, administrative and public sector measures.

The Court has resolved to serve notice of the appeal to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, along with the Parliament and Regional Government of Catalonia, which have fifteen days in which to appear as a party within the proceedings and make the representations they deem appropriate.

The Court suspended the deadline for appearing and formulating arguments in respect of the Government of Catalonia "*in order to avoid a conflict in the defence of the interests of Spain and the Autonomous Region of Catalonia.*" The aforementioned deadline will remain suspended as long as, by virtue of the measures approved on 27 October, the Cabinet continues to exercise the functions and competencies that correspond to the Government of the Autonomous Region.

Admission does not imply any form of advance pronouncement on the merits of the appeal, which the Court will resolve upon concluding this process.

Madrid, 31 January 2018