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### **THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SPAIN, BY UNANIMITY, GRANTS A PERIOD OF TIME TO THE PARTIES BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE INVESTITURE OF PUIGDEMONT HAVE LOST ITS CAUSE OF ACTION**

The Plenary Assembly of the Constitutional Court has, by unanimity, resolved to provide the National Government, the Parliament of Catalonia and the other involved parties a period of ten days before ruling on the possible loss of the cause of action of the proceedings concerning the investiture of Carles Puigdemont as the President of the Government of Catalonia. This follows the publication, today, in the Official Gazette of the Parliament of Catalonia, of two resolutions of the President of the Parliament of Catalonia that have deprived of any content the two decisions that were appealed.

In particular, a resolution dated March 5<sup>h</sup> in which the President of the Catalan Parliament, Roger Torrent, appointed Jordi Sánchez as the candidate running for the presidency of the Government of Catalonia ; and a second resolution, rendered today, which sets for next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the organisation of the investiture debate in the Regional Chamber.

The Court also resolved to maintain the precautionary injunctions ordered on January 27<sup>th</sup>, while the Court decides whether or not a supervening loss of cause of action has occurred. The ruling rendered on that date, and confirmed by the Plenary of the Court itself on January 30<sup>th</sup>, provisionally suspended the resolutions aimed at appointing Carles Puigdemont as President of the Government of Catalonia.

The Court also warned that the eventual investiture of Puigdemont could not be carried out either by electronic means or by proxy of another parliamentarian. In any case, the candidate should obtain a judicial authorization in the event he was still under a search and arrest warrant at that time. The Court also prohibited the members of the Parliament of Catalonia on which a judicial search and arrest warrant and imprisonment order was pronounced to delegate the vote to other parliamentarians.

Madrid, 6 March 2018.