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### **THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT GRANTS LEAVE TO PROCEED TO THE APPEAL BROUGHT BY CIUDADANOS AGAINST THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF CATALONIA THAT ALLOWED TO PROCESS THE LAW PROPOSAL ON THE REFERENDUM ON SELF-DETERMINATION**

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has resolved to give permission to proceed on this matter, following a proposition made by three Magistrates of the Third Section of its Second Chamber, who advocated proceeding in this way. They had proposed to admit the appeal for constitutional protection (*“recurso de amparo”*) brought by the Catalan MPs of Ciudadanos against the decisions of the Plenary Session and the Bureau of the Parliament of Catalonia rendered on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. According to this appeal, both organs designed and approved the parliamentary decision to process the Law on the Referendum on Self-determination.

The jurisdictional decree (*“providencia”*) rendered by the Constitutional Court holds that the requirement established in judgement 155/2009, ground 2 G), is observed in this case. Indeed, the appeal raises a question of special constitutional relevance, because it transcends the particular case and may have general political consequences.

The jurisdictional decree has requested to the Parliament of Catalonia to submit a certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the Plenary of the Parliament of Catalonia of September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017, which resolved to alter the parliamentary agenda and to circumvent several parliamentary requirements needed to ordinarily go ahead with parliamentary motions. Likewise, the Court also requested a copy of the resolution of the Bureau of the Catalan Parliament, adopted on the same date. This resolution had refused to request a legal report on the motion to the consultative organ of the Parliament of Catalonia. It had also rejected a subsequent motion to reconsider concerning the issuance of the consultative report.

In addition, the Court has also called on all the parties to the proceedings before the Supreme Court, other than the appellants, so that they can join as parties the subsequent proceedings before the Constitutional Court if they wish so.

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