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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT HAS GRANTED LEAVE TO PROCEED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S APPEAL AND APPROVED THE SUSPENSION OF SEVERAL PROVISIONS ADOPTED ON JULY 5TH BY THE PARLIAMENT OF CATALONIA

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has, by unanimity, resolved to endorse the Spanish Government's appeal against several provisions adopted by the Parliament of Catalonia. This appeal was directed against paragraphs 1 to 5 of Motion 5/XII of the Parliament of Catalonia, approved on July 5th 2018. The content of the said motion is in line with of a set of rules previously approved by the Parliament of Catalonia, which had later been suspended and annulled by the Constitutional Court in 2015. The new motion intends to implement the process of independence of Catalonia.

This decision means that, by virtue of the invocation of article 161.2 of the Spanish Constitution by the central Government, the challenged paragraphs of the Motion are automatically suspended.

The jurisdictional decree ("*providencia*") issued by the Constitutional Court proceeds to notify the admission of this appeal and the related documents to the Parliament of Catalonia which is granted a period of 20 days in order to join the proceedings as a party and submit the arguments it deems appropriate.

The content of the suspended Motion states, among other things, that "*in response of the actions taken by the Spanish State, including the interventions of the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court, the National High Court and the Public Prosecutor's Office, to bring to justice and to prosecute the acts carried out in accordance with its democratic mandate, the Parliament of Catalonia reiterates its strong determination to complete the necessary actions planned and approved by this Parliament to achieve and complete, by democratic means, the independence of Catalonia*".

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