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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT WILL EXAMINE THE APPEAL OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY BROUGHT BY MORE THAN 50 *PARTIDO POPULAR* MPs AGAINST LAW 7/2019, ON URGENT MEASURES IN MATTERS OF HOUSING AND RENTAL PRICES

The Plenary Session of the Constitutional Court has resolved to grant leave to proceed to the appeal of unconstitutionality ("*recurso de inconstitucionalidad*") filed by more than 50 MPs of the *Partido Popular* Parliamentary Group at the Congress of Deputies. The appeal was brought against the Royal Decree-Law 7/2019 (dated 1 March) on urgent measures in matters of housing and rental prices.

The Court ordered the notification of the appeal and all related documents to the Congress of Deputies, to the Senate and to central Government so that they can join the proceedings as parties and make the submissions they deem appropriate.

In their appeal, the MPs alleged that the contested provision failed to comply with the validation criteria laid down in Article 86.1 of the Spanish Constitution [CE] regarding the adoption of decree-laws by the Government, which requires extraordinary and urgent need, as well as that the regulation concerns matters which may not be regulated through to decree-laws, since it affected the duty to contribute to sustain public expenditures (Article 31.1 CE).

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