CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SPAIN

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THE PLENARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT WILL EXAMINE THE APPEAL BROUGHT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE LAW OF THE BALEARIC ISLANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Plenary of the Constitutional Court has granted leave to proceed to the appeal of unconstitutionality ("recurso de inconstitucionalidad") brought by the President of the central Government against paragraphs 3 and 6 of article 1 of Balearic Law 9/2018, dated July 31st, which modified article 9, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4, and article 14, of Law 12/2016, dated August 17th, on Environmental Assessment.

The Court has ordered to notify the appeal and the documents related thereto to the Congress of Deputies, to the Senate, and to the Government and the Parliament of the Balearic Islands, so that they may join the proceedings as parties and submit the allegations the deem appropriate.

The Government contended that the challenged Law breaches certain constitutional articles that confer exclusive prerogatives to the central State on several matters. Namely, article 149.1, paragraph 20 (ports and airports of general interest), paragraph 22 (electrical facilities), paragraph 23, (basic legislation on environmental protection) and paragraph 24 (public works of general interest).

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