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**THE PLENARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT ACCEPTS THE
APPEAL FOR AMPARO FILED BY PUIGDEMONT AND COMÍN AGAINST
THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT BY WHICH IT DENIED
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO ENABLE THEM TO BE PROCLAIMED
AS ELECTED DEPUTIES TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

The Plenary of the Constitutional Court has accepted the appeal for constitutional protection (*amparo*) filed by Carles Puigdemont and Antoni Comín against the rulings issued by Section Four of the Administrative-Contentious Division of the Supreme Court. These rulings denied the implementation of precautionary measures regarding the appeal for the defence of fundamental rights, since the appellants could not be proclaimed as elected candidates to the European Parliament because they had not personally sworn or promised the Spanish Constitution.

The Court considers that the appeal is “*of special constitutional relevance, as the matter goes beyond this case and could have general political consequences*”.

The Court requests Section Four of the Administrative-Contentious Division to send a certification or a certified copy of the actions regarding the precautionary measures.

As for the request of the appellants to stay the challenged decisions, the Plenary does not consider that this is an exceptional urgent case included in article 56.6 of the Organic Law of the Constitutional Court, under which its adoption without hearing the parties could be justified on a groundless basis.

In this sense, the Court agrees to start separate proceedings and gives the Public Prosecution Service and the appellants for *amparo* three days so that they can put forward all the arguments they deem necessary.

Madrid, 19 February 2020.