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**AGREEMENT BY THE PLENARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF
16 MARCH 2020, REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES DURING THE VALIDITY OF THE
ROYAL DECREE 463/2020, OF 14 MARCH**

The Spanish Royal Decree 463/2020, of 14 March, declares a state of alarm to manage the health crisis caused by COVID-19. This state of alarm shall last for 15 days, and it may be extended or modified. If so, the decision shall be notified to the Congress of Deputies.

The second and third additional provisions of this Royal Decree suspend the procedural and administrative periods and deadlines.

Article 80 of the Organic Law of the Constitutional Court 2/79, of 3 October, refers to the Organic Law of the Judiciary and to the Civil Procedure Act as regards the calculation of periods. In this sense, the Plenary of the Constitutional Court, in an online meeting held after the proposal of its President and in the exercise of the powers conferred to it by article 10.1.n of said Organic Law of the Constitutional Court 2/79, hereby establishes the following criteria:

1º) The periods to perform any procedural or administrative actions before this Court shall be suspended while the Royal Decree 463/2020 and its potential extensions are in force.

2º) Without prejudice to the suspension of the calculation of periods, all appeals and other documents that affect the various constitutional proceedings or administrative processes shall still be filed via the electronic Register at the site www.tribunalconstitucional.es

3º) By virtue of article 1.4 of the Organic Law 4/81, of 1 June, the declaration of the state of alarm does not interrupt the functioning of this constitutional body. In this sense, the Court shall continue issuing any necessary resolutions and precautionary measures, at any constitutional proceedings that may require so, in order to guarantee the constitutional system and the fundamental rights and public liberties.

For the general information, this Agreement shall be published at the Court's website (www.tribunalconstitucional.es), without prejudice to its publication at the Spanish Official State's Gazette.

Madrid, 16 March 2020.