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**THE PLENARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT UNANIMOUSLY
ACCEPTS THE APPEALS FOR AMPARO FILED BY CUIXART, FORN,
RULL, TURULL, SÁNCHEZ, BASSA AND FORCADELL AGAINST THE
JUDGMENT ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COURT THAT CONVICTED THEM
FOR COMMITTING SEDITION**

The Plenary of the Constitutional Court has unanimously accepted the appeals for constitutional protection (*amparo*) filed by Jordi Cuixart, Joaquín Forn, Josep Rull, Jordi Turull, Jordi Sánchez, Dolors Bassa and Carme Forcadell against the ruling issued by the Criminal Division of the Supreme Court of 29 January 2020 and the judgment of the same Division dated 14 October 2019. The judgment convicted all of them for committing sedition, as well as for the embezzlement of public funds in the case of some of the defendants.

The Court considers that these appeals are of special constitutional relevance, as they pose an issue or affect a part of a fundamental right without doctrine from this Court.

The Plenary has ordered the Criminal Division of the Supreme Court to submit a certification or a certified copy of the actions regarding the ruling of 29 January 2020 and the judgment of 14 October 2019.

Regarding the stay of the proceedings that was requested in the appeal for *amparo*, the Plenary does not consider that this case is exceptionally urgent to justify its adoption without hearing the parties on a groundless basis in accordance with article 56.6 of the Organic Law of the Constitutional Court. Therefore, separate proceedings will be started to solve this issue. The Public Prosecution Service and the appellants for *amparo* are given three days to file the arguments they deem appropriate.

Madrid, 6 May 2020.