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**THE PLENARY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT UNANIMOUSLY
ACCEPTS THE QUESTION OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY FILED BY THE
SUPREME COURT AGAINST THE SANCTIONS TO THE MEDIA FOR NOT
RESPECTING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN PERIOD**

The Plenary of the Constitutional Court has unanimously accepted the question of unconstitutionality filed by the Fourth Section of the Contentious-Administrative Division of the Supreme Court against article 153.1, in conjunction with articles 53 and 50.4 of the Organic Law on General Elections Regime and articles 34 and 39 of the Press and Printing Law.

The Supreme Court considers this question of unconstitutionality relevant after examining an appeal lodged by a media company against the sanction imposed by the Central Electoral Commission for campaigning during the “day of reflection”, i.e. the day prior to the election day. Under Spanish Law, it is forbidden to campaign during the “day of reflection” in order to give voters a day without external influences to choose the candidate they prefer.

The Court has agreed to notify these actions to the Congress of Deputies, the Senate, the Spanish Government and the Public Prosecution Service so that they may enter these proceedings and file the arguments they deem appropriate within 15 days.

Also, the Fourth Section of the Contentious-Administrative Division of the Supreme Court has been notified of the suspension of the proceedings until the Constitutional Court finally resolves this question of unconstitutionality.

Cándido Conde-Pumpido Tourón will be the judge rapporteur of the judgment issued once the Plenary resolves this case.

Madrid, 7 May 2020.