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**PRESIDENT CONDE-PUMPIDO TOURÓN DEFENDS
CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF
DEMOCRACY, THE GUARANTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE
STRENGTHENING OF THE RULE OF LAW**

The President of the Constitutional Court of Spain, Cándido Conde-Pumpido Tourón, defended constitutional justice as an essential element of democracy, the guarantee of human rights and the strengthening of the rule of law before all the representatives of the Constitutional Courts and jurisdictions participating in the 6th World Conference on Constitutional Justice.

During the opening ceremony, where he was accompanied by the Minister for the Presidency, Justice and Parliamentary Relations, Félix Bolaños, and by the President Emeritus of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, Gianni Buquicchio, he stressed the common commitment to preserve and promote constitutional justice worldwide.

Conde-Pumpido highlighted that the Congress, entitled *“The human rights of future generations”* and bringing together 85 delegations from courts and jurisdictions across five continents in Madrid this week, will enable a rethinking of rights in the light of intergenerational justice and open a new phase in the historical discourse on human rights, moving from the ethics of the individual to the ethics of the community.

The various working sessions —on the environment, cultural heritage, new technologies, and judicial independence— raise global challenges for constitutional jurisdictions, which may lead to the erosion of fundamental rights or the roll-back of democracies. Therefore, the President explained that the objective of the Congress is to identify common denominators, detect advances in case-law, and understand that there is an ethical obligation and a social need to look to the future, with a commitment to leave a satisfactory legacy for future generations.

Conde-Pumpido, who expressed concern that advances in new technologies could infringe on people's rights, sent a message full of optimism: *“in no case should advances in artificial intelligence, social media and so on, lead to a reduction in fundamental rights and civil liberties, or a regression in our democracies or the rule of law.”*

For the Constitutional Court of Spain, he said, it is a source of pride and honour to host the 6th Conference, precisely in 2025, the year in which the 45th anniversary of the Court's creation will be commemorated. More than four decades of history in which the Court *“has been fundamental to the validity of the 1978 Constitution as the guarantor of Spanish democracy, fundamental rights and the rule of law”*.

Conde-Pumpido ended his opening speech with a message of solidarity and fraternity to the people of the Valencian Community who suffered terrible floods a year ago as a result of torrential rains which claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

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