

**AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEGOTIATING TABLE BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF SPAIN AND THE GENERALITAT OF CATALONIA FOR THE RESOLUTION OF
THE POLITICAL CONFLICT**

The signatories of this agreement confirm that we are before an opportunity to unblock and channel the political conflict over the future of Catalonia and to establish the basis for its resolution, as there is a will to hold a dialogue to reach an agreement that is to allow us to overcome the current situation.

The recognition of this opportunity, and the firm political will expressed by both parties, will allow us to explore and address the opening of a new phase based on effective, open and sincere dialogue, staking on institutional recognition and understanding.

Thus, in accordance with the principles of institutional loyalty and bilateralism that shall govern the political framework for the relationship between the Governments of Spain and the Generalitat of Catalonia, we agree to the following:

1. Recognition of the political conflict and initiation of a political route to resolve it.

We commence with the recognition of the fact that there is a conflict of a political nature in relation to the political future of Catalonia.

As in any conflict of this nature, resolution can only be reached by means of democratic channels, through dialogue, negotiation and agreement, overcoming judicialization.

2. Establishment of a BILATERAL NEGOTIATING TABLE FOR DIALOGUE AND AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE POLITICAL CONFLICT.

For this reason, we adopt a commitment to establish a Negotiating Table for dialogue and agreement between the governments, which shall commence with the recognition and legitimacy of all the parties and their proposals, without any limits other than the respect for the instruments and principles governing the democratic legal system.

This Negotiating Table shall be based as a political instrument on the following principles:

- 1) Composition: the Governments of Spain and the Generalitat of Catalonia. Delegations shall be established jointly and with the members that the parties shall decide upon.
- 2) Content: an open dialogue on all proposals submitted. All parties shall freely contribute such content as they see fit, with detailed proposals on the future of Catalonia, and the positions regarding each proposal shall be assessed, discussed and reasoned.
- 3) Transparent calendar: the Negotiating Table shall begin its activity within fifteen days of the formation of the Government of Spain and shall establish specific deadlines for its meetings and presentation of its conclusions.
- 4) Monitoring and guarantee of compliance: the Negotiating Table shall establish mechanisms to guarantee the commencement and continuation of its activity and the fulfilment of the agreements made.

With the grounds set hereby, agreements shall be sought with the broad support of Catalan society. In this regard, both parties undertake to promote the effectiveness of the agreements that will be adopted through the appropriate procedures. The measures in which the agreements are materialized shall be subject to democratic validation through suffrage by the citizens of Catalonia, in accordance with the mechanisms provided or that may be provided within the framework of the legal-political system.

This Negotiating Table shall coordinate with other existing institutional and parliamentary bodies for discussion which shall be strengthened, amongst which the Generalitat-State Bilateral Commission provided for in the Statute of Autonomy of Catalonia, and the *Taula de Partits* (all-party committee) extant at the Parliament of Catalonia.

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