

Spain

*Resolution tabled by the Partido Popular from Spain
at the IDU Executive Meeting, December 7th, 2023 in Washington D.C.*

Having regarded the political developments in Spain, following the PP electoral victories on May 28th and July 23rd, 2023.

B. Having regarded the governing pact agreed to by the Spanish Worker's Socialist Party (PSOE in Spanish) and Junts per Catalunya (often referred to as Junts) on November 10th, 2023. In said agreement, the PSOE agreed to pass an amnesty law that will bring back the separatist politicians (who do not repent for their actions and are willing to repeat them) responsible for the events of October 2017. Said agreement, also establishes parliamentary committees to inquire into judicial procedures, which is in clear violation of the separation of powers as enshrined in the Spanish Constitution of 1978.

C. Having regarded the various governing agreements made by the PSOE and other regionalist and pro-independence forces (including EH Bildu, the political heir of the terrorist group ETA). Understanding that said agreements include preferential treatment of certain regions of Spain, which reflects only political calculation and not public interest.

D. Taking into consideration the massive demonstrations by Spanish civil society that have taken place in the past weeks and are still ongoing, against the PSOE government and its decisions. Considering these protests, an expression of the Spanish people's will to preserve democracy and the integrity of the country.

E. Having regarded the amnesty law proposal, tabled by the PSOE on November 13th, 2023.

F. Having regarded the PSOE's continuous actions against the independence of the Spanish judiciary, including the nomination of two ex-members of the government as judges on the Spanish Constitutional court and the appointment of a former Minister of Justice as the State's General Prosecutor.

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1. Deplores the governing pact between the PSOE and the regionalist and separatist parties. Considers that the pact will drive a rift between the Spanish citizens. Insists that said amnesty law goes against the spirit of national unity enshrined in the Spanish constitution and that the law radically violates the territorial integrity of Spain. Expresses its concern over the damage that this law will do to Spain as a democracy.
2. Deplores the social tension created by this agreement and by the PSOE's bid to remain in power.
3. Condemns the deterioration of the rule of law and separation of powers suffered by Spain under the Socialist government. Insists that the proper functioning of the rule of law is fundamental for democracy and thus cannot be subjected to any negotiation.
4. Condemns the governing agreements endorsed by the PSOE as they undermine the right of equality amongst Spanish citizens, and the obligation for solidarity between autonomous regions, as protected in articles 2, 14, and 138.2 of the Spanish Constitution.
5. Celebrates that Spanish civil society has shown its continued willingness to defend Spanish democracy and the integrity of the country.
6. Calls on all representatives of the IDU to show their support to the Spanish people fighting to preserve their democracy.
7. Calls on the European Institutions to pay close attention to political developments in Spain and to properly address the concerns that all sectors of Spanish civil society have raised in order to protect the principles and values that inspire the European Union, as declared in Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union. If need be, taking the measures contemplated by Articles 7 and 19 of said treaty, as well as Articles 258 and 259 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.