



*The President*

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Dear Mr President,

Thank you for informing me about the Resolution adopted by the Catalan Parliament, which I have read with great interest. I will inform the Commission about the contents of this Resolution and have taken note of the intention to co-operate with the Venice Commission on the modalities of an agreed referendum. I can only welcome the interest shown by the Catalan Parliament in the Code of Good Practice on Referendums of our Commission.

You are, no doubt, aware that not only the referendum as such, but also the co-operation with our Commission will have to be carried out in agreement with the Spanish authorities. I would also like to underline that the Venice Commission, the official name of which is European Commission for Democracy through Law, has consistently emphasised the need for any referendum to be carried out in full compliance with the Constitution and the applicable legislation.

Yours faithfully,



**Gianni Buquicchio**

cc. Mr Luis Javier Gil Catalina

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