**Declaration from the Board of Spokespersons at the Parliament of Catalonia regarding police oppression during the Catalan Referendum on October 1st**

The Board of Spokespersons at the Parliament of Catalonia condemns the acts of police oppression during the Catalan Referendum on self-determination on October 1st. These acts were an unjustifiable attack which violate the fundamental rights and civil liberties that define and shape every democracy.

We strongly condemn the acts of intimidation and the acts of extreme violence carried out by the Spanish police on the day of the Referendum. These barbarous acts have shocked Catalan society. We also stand in solidarity with the 893 individuals who, according to the latest data, were hurt during the Referendum and we demand that a judicial inquiry be launched to investigate the excessive use of police action against Catalan citizens who exercised their political rights in a peaceful manner.

At the same time, we would like to praise and highlight the peaceful and democratic approach shown by the citizens of Catalonia throughout the Referendum.

For these reasons, and taking into account the outcry from Catalan civil society, the Board of Spokespersons expresses its support for the general strike on Tuesday, the 3rd of October, as announced by the Taula per la Democràcia (“Platform for Democracy”) in response to the grave violation of rights and freedoms during the Referendum.

Lastly, the Board of Spokespersons reaffirms its commitment to peace, as well as democratic liberties and values. In any democracy, the plurality of ideas and political options is managed through dialogue, mutual respect, negotiation and voting. Violence is not the answer.

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