



MANIFESTO

As a consequence of the foregoing,

WE DECLARE THAT

1. The Government of the Generalitat cannot and must not abandon the principles of legality and neutrality, if it wishes to avoid leading us to a very serious dead-end.
2. One cannot continue to damage or jeopardize relations with our clients, customers, financial sources, investors and partners from the rest of Spain, who presently observe with extreme concern and astonishment the evolution of this secessionist process.
3. Our separation from the rest of Spain would also imply leaving the European Union, its organizations and institutions (among others, the Central European Bank, the European Investment Bank) and being excluded from the treaties and mechanisms that have contributed and still contribute today to the economic and social development of Catalonia –the Schengen Treaty, Cohesion, Structural and Environmental Funds, Regional Development, Social and Rural Development Funds and others). The separation of Catalonia from the rest of Spain would result in the disappearance of the free circulation of people, goods and capital and would lead to an economic collapse due to the loss of markets and financing, capital flight, companies' relocation and increase in unemployment.
4. Severe financing problems for Catalan companies would increase in the event of Catalonia's independence. The mandatory split of banks operating in Catalonia into separated entities would lead to obvious higher financial costs for the new banks resulting and the effects would include a decrease in credit and corresponding higher borrowing costs passed on to companies and individuals.
5. It is necessary to stop the increasing confrontation in daily life generated in society by the secessionist process, which has also been transferred to companies, having economic and social consequences which negatively affect both coexistence and competitiveness.

As members of **EC, WE CALL FOR** the regaining of the the good sense ("seny") and business leadership which have always been a characteristic of the Catalan people.

WE STATE that the role of Catalonia and the Catalans must be to take the lead in the Spanish economy and in Spanish politics, with generosity and responsibility, to forge a stronger Spain within the process of development and integration of the European Union. We Catalans have done very well in Spain, as is shown by the leading role we play here, and in Europe. And this, being our present, must also be our future.

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