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The cessation of the Catalan government is already official

Spanish Government takes control

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USPA NEWS - The Friday, October 27 was a very long day in Spain. A day in which Catalonia declared its independence and the Spanish Government, after the approbation by the Senate, ceased the Catalan leaders and assumed the political and administrative control of the rebel region.

Already at dawn on Saturday, the Official State Gazette (BOE its Spanish acronym) where Spanish laws are published, take official the resignations of the Catalan government and the head of the regional Police. Its functions are assumed by the Spanish Government. It is the consequence of the application of article 155 of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, which was authorized by the Senate. In use of these conferred powers, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy dissolved the Catalan Parliament and convened regional elections for December 21. In addition, it closed all the offices of international representation opened by the Catalan independence government, with the exception of Brussels.

This Saturday, former Catalan president, Carles Puigdemont, appeared on regional television to say he does not feel stopped and call the Catalans to exercise a firm but peaceful and democratic opposition to the application of the 155. Puigdemont's statement may lead to new legal problems because the offense of rebellion charged by the Prosecutor could add to the crimes of disobedience and usurpation of functions, also punishable by imprisonment. Puigdemont assured that they will not give up their objective of Catalonia being an independent republic. At the moment, its functions have been assumed by the vice president of the Spanish Government, Soraya Saenz de Santamaria.

According to the former Catalan president, it is the Parliament that proposes and ceases the president of the regional government, so he does not accept his dismissal by the Spanish Government. Meanwhile, some Spanish media say that the Catalan independence bloc has set up a government in the shadow with which it intends to continue working for independence. That alternative government would be formed by secessionist mayors. In Catalonia, more than 700 municipalities out of a total of 921 have mayors or councilors close to secession.

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