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ABORTION

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Ronchera points out that the first evaluation report on the situation of women will be presented

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The general secretary of the Andorrà Women's Institute, Montserrat Ronchera.

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The Andorran Institute for Women (IAD) has reiterated its rejection of the criminalization of abortion, an issue that once again focused yesterday's debate at the General Council. The general adviser of the Concòrdia parliamentary group, Núria Segués, called for the end of the blockade on the voluntary termination of pregnancy, an issue that had already been debated in 2005 and 2013 without achieving significant progress. Minister Laudislau Baró confirmed that the Government is looking for a solution that guaran-

tees the protection of women without compromising the country's institutions.

In relation to this issue, EL PERIÒDIC has been able to speak with the general secretary of the IAD, Montserrat Ronchera, who has criticized attempts to contrast two realities that she considers incompatible: on the one hand, the position of the episcopal co-prince, Joan-Enric Vives, and on the other, the desire to unblock the situation. «They are trying to oppose two balances that have nothing to do», said Ronchera, who also recalled the words of the French co-prince, Emmanuel Macron, affirming that «sovereignty in this mat-

ter rests with the Andorran people».

Ronchera has defended that the Andorran people, through their representatives, should be the ones to make the decision

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on this issue. «This is a debate that must be brought to the General Council», she insisted, and not in other areas. She also highlighted that this year the IAD has drawn up for the first time an assessment report on the situation of women and equality in Andorra, where issues such as abortion and gender-based violence have been addressed. On the other hand, the general secretary of the IAD has emphasized that Andorra is one of the few democratic countries that has not yet decriminalized abortion, describing this debate as «obsolete».

Although she understands that co-prince Vives may disagree with the termination of the pregnancy, Ronchera has stated that «he should accept the will of the people». She also expressed that «the legislation is outdated and contrary to human rights», insisting that it is a matter of priorities that must be addressed.

Finally, and with regard to the Comprehensive Service for Women (SIAT), Ronchera has assured that the IAD has not received any formal complaints. However, she acknowledged that there are few women who go to SIAT to request information or support about pregnancy termination. «There is a significant number of women who choose to have an abortion outside the borders of Andorra», she concluded. ●

REACTIONS TO THE OMNIBUS LAW

A real estate agent calls Espot's statements «dangerous».

The citizen affirms that the statements can also affect the social cohesion of the entire country.

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«I make ends meet, I'm not an owner and I depend solely on my income as a businesswoman and real estate agent.» These are the words of Cristina, a woman who expressed her discomfort with the current situation in the country through a statement.

The affected person is 59 years old and assured that she lives up to date not because of bad management, but because of the responsibility of taking care of her disabled daughter, who depends on her financially. Cristina, who assured that she has seen the transformation of the country year after year, appealed with dismay to the statements made on Thursday by the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, in response to the statement issued by the real estate sector and the construction on the Omnibus Law.

The businesswoman mentioned that her concern lies in the fact that the president has made it very clear that «he has no intention of listening to the nine associations in the country that communicated with the Government about the Omnibus law». In this comment, the woman also noted that Espot's statements sugges-



A real estate agent calls Espot's statements about business sectors «dangerous».

ted to her «a total disconnection, on the part of the Government, with the reality that the country is experiencing». In addition, one of the other topics that the reader touched on was the last laws approved, directly appealing to the words «there is no going back» from Espot.

As indicated by the real estate agent, these regulations will directly affect the stability of the economy, without taking into account that they «affect key sectors such as foreign investment»,

which is why they seem to have been created «without reflection or consideration of the consequences» that they can cause in the future of citizens.

Following this line, Cristina mentioned that the words of the leaders, such as «lack of loyalty» or the insinuations that «some sectors have already won enough», are dangerous not only for generating division between citizens, but, because it can also affect social cohesion and «the trust that employers and citizens have in



Cristina

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Government». Faced with the insinuations that the reader draws from the various Government statements, she reproached Espot that «it seems to be disparaging the productive sectors that generate jobs, investment, growth and economic security».

In expressing her discomfort, Cristina appealed to the Government that «Andorra is at risk of losing its essence, its stability and the trust of all those who have made it what it is». Finally, the reader demanded that the Government respond to the statement that was presented against the Omnibus Law, as well as to present a Strategic Plan that «assures all citizens that the decisions they are making guarantee our future». ●

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