

CONTROL SESSION IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Escalé denounces a personal attack in the debate on the case of BPA

Espot labels Escalé's tweet as «unfortunate» and denies any collusion between governments

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The president of the parliamentary group of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé.

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The president of Concòrdia, Cerni Escalé, has accused the Executive of using the debate on the BPA case to attack him personally. «Never before has a member of this chamber been attacked with a parliamentary mechanism that is not designed for this purpose», he said. He defended that «the interpretation of my tweet was not correct» and claimed that the Government should have requested «the emails and made them availa-



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Escalé has accused the majority of «misrepresenting» his

words and has announced possible legal action against the Democratic councilor Maria Marti-

sella. The head of government, Xavier Espot, replied that Escalé “had already obtained explanations” before publishing the tweet and described the tweet as “unfortunate” and “unnecessary”. He said that “it is legitimate to suspect that he did not want clarification, but rather to echo a fake news story”.

On the substance of the matter, Espot assured that “the information about coordination between governments to intervene in BPA is false” and added: “I do not know if these emails are invented or if they contain lies, but it can only be one of two things”. He reiterated that the intervention was carried out due to a note from the American FINCEN and that “the bank was at risk of collapsing”.

Espot defended that the action was “as necessary” and that the bank resolution law “preserved the financial system”. He also thanked Carine Montaner for her favorable vote in 2015.

In turn, Montaner admitted that “with the experience of these 10 years, I would not vote for her again.” She said in this regard that “perhaps a fine could have solved the issue” and expressed doubts about the management of the executive. “We thank you for your explanations,” she concluded. Espot responded that “I think you are terribly wrong” and concluded by stating that “you cannot defend the conspiracy theory and the theory of negligence at the same time.” ●

Espot confirms that the Agreement will not be implemented provisionally

The president confirms that it will first have to be validated by the citizens

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The session of the General Council on Tuesday, April 15th, was longer than expected, so that in this session prior to the Easter break, more issues than usual have surfaced in the chamber. One of them was made by the head of government, Xavier Espot, who maintains that the Association Agreement will not enter into force provisionally without a "prior validation" by the citizens; that is, if the population does not validate it beforehand with a favorable result in the re-

ferendum. "For now, however, this possibility is not being evaluated, taking into account that, to do so, it would also be necessary to modify the law on treaties and this possibility would only be considered if the agreement ends up being mixed."

These were Espot's statements in response to questions from the general councilor of Andorra Endavant, Marcos Monteagudo, in which he asked the Government about the new features of the agreement, as well as the definitive date for calling the referendum. In statements after the plenary session, the head of government pointed out that "there is not much new information" on this matter, since "the definition of its legal nature corresponds to the Council of the European Union and they



The Head of Government, Xavier Espot, during an intervention in the plenary session this Tuesday.

have not yet pronounced themselves." Currently, he has added that its analysis "is ongoing" and the issue is being discussed in different meetings of the European working group.

Referring to the issue related to the referendum, he recalled that it is a "commitment he made to the citizens" as head of the Democrats list in the last two

general elections and that this responsibility "will be honored when it can be honored and at the appropriate time". The general representative has advocated going little by little, since "we are anticipating excessively it cannot be officially declared "at the moment that there may be a provisional application of the Agreement". ●

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