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CONFRONTATION IN THE FACE OF THE HOUSING CRISIS

A “legitimate demand” sold by the Executive as an ultimatum

The platform stresses that they will not continue to accept «immobility disguised as good intentions»

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A new chapter between the Coordinator for Decent Housing and the Government over the real estate situation in the country. In light of the statements made to the media this Wednesday by the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, assuring that the Executive, “despite being open to dialogue to try to find solutions to the problem, does not accept ultimatums from anyone”, the entity has responded forcefully to the president: “The fact of setting this deadline was not an ultimatum, but a legitimate demand”. It is worth noting that Espot made his statements after the entity set May 5th as the deadline for having a response to its demands.

The entity supports, however, that this “supposed ultimatum” has served to ensure that the head of government has advanced that a response to their demands is being finalized. In this regard, the Coordinating Body explains that, in the face of this response, “we do not want favors or empty promises, but clarity, nor comfortable silences or calculated delays”. Going further, the entity emphasizes that they will not continue to accept “immobility disguised as good intentions”, justifying at the same time that a date is set because, in the same way that the Executive manages its roadmap, “we also



Actions that took place during the demonstration called by the Coordinator on April 5th.



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have ours”.

Otherwise, the representatives of the Coordinating Body are also aware, as Espot emphasized, that “there are no immediate solutions, so we know that there are measures that require time, but there are also those that are urgent and cannot be postponed”, they explain in response to the Government’s reply. For this reason, they add that their demands are not all overnight, “but not for an indefinite future either”, stating at the same time that there are actions that must be put on the ta-

ble without waiting any longer.

At the same time, in this new letter they denounce that progress cannot be made on the housing issue “if the pace is set by those who live comfortably seated”, exposing the country’s leaders. In this sense, they defend that dialogue “cannot only follow its deadlines, its forms and its calendar”, highlighting and recalling that the rules of the game are changing little by little and now to discuss them “they must be decided among all, not only among those who always do it”, they conclude. ●

SOCIAL INCLUSION

New card to accredit disability in the face of European shortage

The new document promoted by the Executive will progressively replace the blue card

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The Minister of Social Affairs and Public Service, Trini Marín, presented this Thursday the new accreditation card for people with disabilities, coinciding with the commemoration of the National Day of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The new card has been developed in collaboration with entities in the sector and is intended to facilitate the identification of people with disabilities, both nationally and internationally. The document will be issued automatically for all people who receive from now on a favorable opinion from the National Valuation Commission (CONAVA), and will be distributed progressively to the 1,943 people who currently have the blue card. "The card does not replace the blue one," Marín clarified, "but it will be replaced gradually, and users will be informed when they can change it."

The new accreditation incor-



The Minister of Social Affairs and Public Service, Trini Marín, presenting the new card.

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porates the United Nations accessibility symbol and the word "accreditation" written in Braille, to facilitate identification for people with visual disabilities. It also includes information on the need for personal support or mobility difficulties, as well as basic data such as the administrative identification number (NIA), a photograph and the validity of the document, which will be lin-

ked to the expiration of the degree of impairment recognized by CONAVA.

Regarding its international use, the minister explained that the card contains "similar items" to those of the Spanish and French models, and that for this reason it is expected that it can also be accepted in these countries. Although it does not require formal approval, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will work to inform neighboring authorities about the existence of the document. «It's good to inform,» said Marín, who added that «since I arrived at the ministry, we have not received any news about a European card, we have decided to promote our own accreditation.»

The presentation was made during a meeting with the Andorran Federation of Associations of People with Disabilities, during which the status of processing of two key regulations was also discussed: the Universal Accessibility Law and the future Law guaranteeing the rights of people with disabilities. ●

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