

# Appeal

## to the Government of Spain

### from the Republican Party of the Faroe Islands

#### The solution to the crisis in Catalonia is dialogue and democracy

We all want a Europe where democracy, freedom of speech and the right to peaceful assembly and protest apply.

And we want crises to be solved by dialogue. Because we all know what the alternative is, and that is not an option.

We, Members of the Parliament of the Faroe Islands – *Løgtingið* - officials and other representatives of the Republican Party of the Faroe Islands - *Tjóðveldi* - hereby call on the Government of Spain to take steps to solve the crisis in Catalonia as soon as possible.

Political challenges need political solutions.

Using the judicial system to imprison political opponents solves nothing. It only escalates the problem.

We strongly denounce the imprisonment of people who are striving to advance dialogue, democracy, and use their right to self-determination through democratic means.

Like the UN Group on Arbitrary Detention and Amnesty International, we also call on you to release the Catalanian political prisoners immediately.

The only way forward – and the way to solve the crisis in Catalonia – is through dialogue and democracy.

We therefore call on you to pursue, as soon as possible, a genuine dialogue towards finding solutions based on equal respect and democracy, for the benefit of the people of Catalonia and Spain, and for Europe as a whole.

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