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Joint statement

Today, February 26, 2020, the bilateral dialogue, negotiation and agreement table for the resolution of the political conflict has been established. The meeting was led by the President of the Government of Spain, Mr Pedro Sánchez, and the President of the Government of Catalonia, Mr Quim Torra. The negotiation table was composed by: on behalf of the Spanish Government, Carmen Calvo, Pablo Iglesias, María Jesús Montero, José Luis Ábalos, Salvador Illa and Manuel Castells; and on behalf of the Catalan Government, Pere Aragonès, Alfred Bosch, Jordi Puigneró, Elsa Artadi, Marta Vilalta, Josep Maria Jové and Josep Rius.

This first meeting has served to lay the foundations for the dialogue, addressing some methodological aspects, and to verify the political nature of the conflict, which requires a political solution. In this regard, both delegations agree that this government table is an instrument to convey a solution and, therefore, they continue working to promote dialogue, negotiation and agreement.

The two delegations value positively this first meeting held in the Spanish Government headquarters Moncloa in Madrid.

The reached agreements are the following:

- The negotiation table will meet monthly.
- The meetings will alternately be held in Madrid and Barcelona, at the official headquarters the two Governments agree upon.
- From this moment on, the presidents and vice-presidents enable a working group integrated by a delegation representing each party. The presidents and vice-presidents come to the negotiation table when it is necessary to ratify political agreements unless one of the parties decides on another composition.
- Any agreement adopted within the table shall be formulated within the framework of legal certainty.