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c/o Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

United Nations Office at Geneva

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Dear Mr. García-Sayán

The jurists' association Drets, which I represent, is a nonprofit organization whose membership is exclusively composed of lawyers, law professors and other law related professionals, that has among its goals to defend respect for human rights and freedoms, as well as respect for persons' and nations' rights and dignity.

We have had knowledge of the letter that Judges for Democracy and Rights International Spain has sent you regarding the critical situation of judge's and courts' independence in Spain.

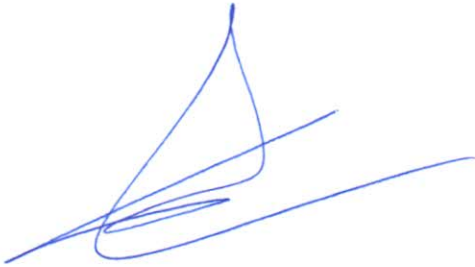
DRETS fully shares this concern and, at the same time, would like to share with you our view of what is occurring specifically in Catalonia regarding judicial independence and their use of double standards in adjudicating (making their judgements) depending on who is being prosecuted or who is making a claim.

Therefore, we strongly share Judges for Democracy and Rights International Spain request for an official mission to Spain, and we would kindly suggest that this missions would include a visit to Barcelona in order to maintain a meeting to share with you our concern on the serious and critical situation of judicial independence in Catalonia and the use of double standards depending on who is being prosecuted or making a claim.

Attached to that letter a report that the Association Drets has collaborated describing the violation of fundamental rights in Catalonia

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information or explanation.

Yours faithfully,



Asociación de Juristas Drets
Sergi Blazquez
Presidente