

Dear Mr. Morenés, Spanish Minister of Defense,

We have seen with great preoccupation your statement regarding the intervention of the army in Catalonia. We know that in the first place you refused that this should be a possibility, but we see as deeply worrying the fact that you conditioned the non-intervention to the fact "that everyone complies with its duty" in a not-very-subtle reference to Catalan politicians.

We are conscious of the importance of the Catalan election for the future of Spain, but at the same time we believe that democratic challenges should be always answered with more democracy and never with the thinly veiled threat of violence.

This is why we call you to rectify your statement to make clear to all Europeans that the Spanish government will not make resort to the army or the police to attack a political movement that so far has proved to be civic, peaceful and democratic at all times.

We would also like to hear from you and your government that whatever the result on the election of the Catalan election on 27th September you'll respect and will not oppose the democratic will of the Catalan people. That would be the best and most European response.

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