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The European Association of Judges (EAJ) took proper notice of the described situation of insecurity denounced by the Spanish General Council of the Judiciary with respect to the judges working in the Region of Catalonia.

In this context, EAJ publicly express its disapproval towards any attacks that could threatened the security of judges, or other judicial officers, expressing its agreement with the concerns expressed by the General Council of the Judiciary.

The physical security of the judge and his/her family is an obligation for any State expressed in article 2.5 of the Universal Charter of the Judge and constitutes an essential requisite to affirm the independence of the judiciary and, ultimately, to guarantee the rule of law.

EAJ exhort the competent authorities to take the appropriate measures to preserve the personal security of judges in Catalonia, and to reinstate the necessary tranquillity required by any judicial activity. EAJ also wishes to express total solidarity with the Colleagues affected by such a regrettable situation.



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