



MANIFESTO FOR THE UNITY OF INDEPENDENCE SUPPORTERS IN ORDER TO MAKE A UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (U.D.I.) *VERSION 2.0*

As a result of the unprecedented global situation affecting life, freedoms and economy –resulting from the way the crisis called "Covid-19 pandemic" has been managed– the situation in Catalonia on this 2020 National Day makes our independence more necessary and urgent than ever so that we can regain our sovereignty, essential to deal with this situation appropriately. With the independence we will achieve freedom of speech and the right to information, individual freedoms, separation of powers and respect for the will of the Catalan people, non-existent in the Spanish state.

So much so that the highest representatives of the "Generalitat" (autonomous government) have expressed that an independent Catalonia would have better managed the situation and that lives would have been saved. This strong statement commits them morally and legally to make independence immediately. In fact, we shouldn't have to wait to make a new election, given that the current leaders could convene just today a plenary session of the Parliament of Catalonia and, with the majority of 70 pro-independence seats elected on December 21, 2017 make now the Declaration of Independence. And proclaim and make effective the independence desired by most of the people of Catalonia would be a very important boost of enthusiasm and strength, elements that at this moment are very convenient to reverse the present situation of uncertainty.

It is clear that those who defend the continuation of the Spanish occupation want us, on the pretext of the present critical situation, to postpone independence indefinitely and focus on the problems they call "real". As if declaring independence and so, for example, being able to end up with the spoliation of a 8-10% annually, and being able to create Catalan laws that won't be systematically cancelled by what would become the foreign "Constitutional Court of Spain", was not very real, as if it was not a necessary and sufficient condition to improve the daily life of Catalan citizens, and to make ours one of the best countries in the world.

This immoral behavior is a repetition of what happened after the attacks of August 17, 2017 in Barcelona and Cambrils. To get to know the truth, the Catalan society demands, among other things, an investigation on the links between the Spanish secret services and the alleged perpetrators. The relatives of the victims and the Catalan society have the right to know the truth.

To make independence possible, it is necessary to implement the current popular mandate given on September 27, 2015 in the plebiscitary elections, and confirmed in the referendum held on October 1st. And this implementation could be made just today, as said before, or, secondarily, it could be immediately convened an election in the Parliament where all parties wanting the Independence for Catalonia would stand together with the only programmatic point of Declaring Independence at the first plenary,

as for sure there will be a clear absolute majority of seats.

In this Manifesto we consider pro-independence parties all those defining themselves this way, whether they are now represented at the Parliament (JxCat-PDeCAT, ERC, CUP) or all those that even if not represented, are legally formed.

To this unitary objective, our Constitutive General Assembly held on February 15, among other topics, unanimously approved to start making the necessary efforts with the pro-independence parties to achieve a decisive goal: standing for election with the unity of all independence supporters.

We consider that our thousands of supporters (who now begin to be known as "the Directs") take sides with the Direct-68 line, clearly exposed in the audiovisual "THE LIE, the documentary of THE TRUTH", the book "Treason to Independence", the 129 Radio Hadrian radio programs and the 113 "Questions and Answers" live programs, the approximately twenty public presentations in different cities of Catalonia, and in other actions taken since the establishment of Directe-68 in March 2018.

But to gain the unity of the independence supporters, we the Directs engage ourselves in front of the pro-independence parties and the Catalan citizens to give up any position on the electoral lists and to do the best possible job so that the dream of independence can come true right away. We consider essential, therefore, that all independence supporters leave behind any reproach and that we all collaborate to make Independence in the only possible way: forming a single list and declaring independence at the first plenary session of the Parliament of Catalonia. This means that we Direct-68 state publicly that we don't pursue positions nor recognition, and that we are willing to assume that we could be wrong, and that everything lived since 2009 (disunity, breaches, false declarations of independence, statements in trials, asking for a new referendum when we've already won one, etc.) could have some kind of simple and logical explanation different from the one we have given. We manifest that we are only Catalan people who act politically in self-defense. If we all go together and declare effective and irrevocable independence, we will recognize we were wrong and will apologize with the immense joy of being free at last and having a clear conscience.

Running for election with a single candidacy of all independence supporters to get 68 or more deputies who will declare Independence at the first plenary session is the simplest and most logical way to make independence, and however is the only one that hasn't been tried. It provides all these advantages:

- 1) Returns enthusiasm, hope and strength to the Catalan people.
- 2) Respects the will of the majority of independence supporters.
- 3) Avoids fights between independence supporters.

- 4) Prevents any vote to be lost and maximizes the results thanks to the d'Hondt law, that benefits the most voted lists.
- 5) Defers ideological struggle until after having made the declaration of independence proposed here.
- 6) It is a clear and quick roadmap towards Independence.
- 7) At an international level, it sends a clear message that there will be independence and allows recognition to be negotiated right now, given that once the single list to make the Declaration of Independence has been agreed upon, independence will be sure, and to confirm it will be only necessary to hold the elections.
- 8) Allows to incorporate non-political social personalities, who do not have a place in a legislative Parliament but they do have in a Parliament that will dissolve itself once the elections will be won, the Declaration of Independence made, the flags of the occupying state lowered, and this declaration having been published in the DOGC and communicated to all embassies and international organizations.
- 9) Madrid would have nothing to do. And the threats of repression would be exposed as what they were and can only be: psychological warfare to activate the fear that has been instilled in us for centuries.

SUMMARIZING

The announcement and constitution of a Single Candidacy for Independence:

- A) Would "expand the base" instantly,
- B) Would be the most simple and effective strategy of "smart confrontation with the Spanish state "that could be done.

Moreover, this commitment of electoral pro-independence unity with the people of Catalonia will have to be contractual and notarized so that never again the people of Catalonia could be surprised or disappointed by those who are paid for their commitment to execute the popular will.

The people of Catalonia, since the Consultations on Independence started in Arenys de Munt on September 13, 2009 have more than gained independence by having held hundreds of consultations for more than ten years, having held the largest demonstrations in Europe and having gained independence at the September 27, 2015 plebiscitary elections; which was re-confirmed in the referendum won on October 1, 2017.

It is therefore time to return to the people -who have mobilized themselves so well- the direction of the fight to regain the freedom lost on September 11, 1714 and to limit the role of the parties to accompany and certify this will, and not to lead it, cancel it or postpone it.

For all these reasons, Directe-68 invites the pro-independence parties, whether they are parliamentary or not, to a summit; meeting to be broadcasted entirely and openly throughout Catalonia so that what logic

says and the majority of the citizens demand, come true as soon as possible. And also in the most transparent way possible.

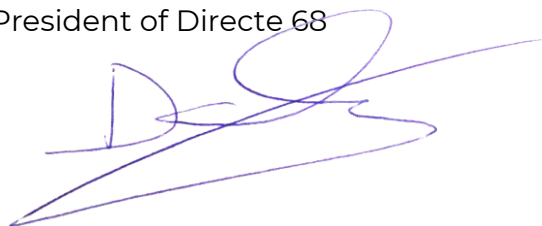
And so as not to waste any more time and to quickly manage the agreement of the place, the day, the time and the way to develop the meeting, we ask each pro-independence party to name a high-level representative who should contact us via the email unitatperladui@directe68.cat before the closing date for submitting the electoral lists for the February 14 elections.

We're already winning and we're going to win!!!

Long life to Catalonia again Free

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