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COVID-19 EMERGENCY: IT IS A PREROGATIVE OF THE STATE, AND NOT OF THE REGIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE MEASURES REQUIRED TO FIGHT THE PANDEMIC

The Constitutional Court, meeting in chambers today, examined the merits of the Government's claim against Law No. 11 of 9 December 2020 of the Valle d'Aosta-Vallée d'Aoste Region, which allows the adoption of measures to face the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic that differ from those established by the State. The law had been suspended on a precautionary basis by Order No. 4 of 2021 of the Constitutional Court.

Pending filing of the final judgment, the Press Office of the Constitutional Court has announced that the claim has been upheld, limited to the provisions pursuant to which the challenged law introduced measures to fight the epidemic that differ from those established by State legislation.

The Court considered that, although the regional legislator is endowed with special autonomy, its legislation could not encroach upon a sphere concerning the Covid-19 pandemic, which has spread globally and, therefore, falls entirely under the exclusive legislative competence of the State, as a question of international prophylaxis.

The reasons for the judgment will be filed in the coming weeks.

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