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## **Central Electoral Commission sides with SCC and rules that separatist flags ('esteladas') be withdrawn from public spaces during the electoral campaign**

Following the release by the Central Electoral Commission of a ruling dated May 13th 2015, whereby it is ordered that 'esteladas' be withdrawn from all official sites and polling stations where these flags have been placed, whether before or during the ongoing campaign for municipal elections, Societat Civil Catalana wishes to state the following:

- 1) The aforementioned ruling by the Central Electoral Commission originates in a report elaborated by our association. This document is the result of communications made by hundreds of our associates who located and pinpointed 'esteladas' present in official sites and public spaces throughout Catalonia.
- 2) Societat Civil Catalana is pleased with the Central Electoral Commission's present ruling and welcomes its content, and also wishes to see it duly enforced and obeyed. Therefore, Societat Civil Catalana hereby formally requests that

officials and personnel ascribed to Public Administrations see to it that all separatist flags now visible in public sites are actually and immediately withdrawn.

3) Societat Civil Catalana will monitor the implementation of the Central Electoral Commission's ruling. For that purpose it yet again requests our fellow citizens and associates to address all relevant information concerning the implementation of this ruling in their local area to [estelades@societatcivilcatalana.cat](mailto:estelades@societatcivilcatalana.cat) In the same vein, Societat Civil Catalana asks all electoral candidacies to comply with the principle of political neutrality in these municipal elections and to demand that all public officials abstain from partisan intrusions.

4) In order to assess the Central Electoral Commission's present ruling, Societat Civil Catalana calls a press conference tomorrow, Friday May 15th, at 11.00h at our organization's headquarters (Calle Córcega, 270, 3º 5ª).