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The Princess of Asturias will swear in the Constitution on October 31

In a joint session of Parliament

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USPA NEWS - At the proposal of the acting President of the Government of Spain, Pedro Sánchez, the Council of Ministers has approved the agreement requesting the Parliament to hold a joint session of the Congress of Deputies and the Senate for the crown princess, Leonor de Borbón y Ortiz, to take the oath of office. The acting Minister for the Presidency, Parliamentary Relations and Democratic Memory, Félix Bolaños, recalled that the Princess of Asturias will be 18 years old on October 31 and that article 61 of the Constiution establishes that the Crown Prince or Princess, on reaching the age of majority, must take an oath to faithfully perform their duties, to uphold the Constitution and the laws, and to respect the rights of citizens and the autonomous communities, as well as to be faithful to the king.

Félix Bolaños remarked that this oath has "enormous symbolic charge" because the ceremony is held before the General Courts, where national sovereignty resides, and it also has a legal dimension, because it is the manifestation that the Princess of Asturias has the vocation to assume the presidency of the State. The acting minister said that October 31 will be a date that will guarantee the continuity of the crown and will take the Spaniards back to January 30, 1986, when the current King Felipe VI took the oath before the Parliament.

At the proposal of the acting president, the Spanish Government has also agreed to award the Crown Princess the Collar of the Royal and Distinguished Spanish Order of Carlos III. This collar is the highest honorary distinction among the Spanish civil orders and is awarded to members of royal families and heads of State and Government, both Spanish and foreign.

Bolaños announced that the ceremony will take place in the Royal Palace after the oath in the Parliament. In his opinion, it will be an act that will demonstrate the strength of our democracy because it will guarantee the continuity of the crown, which is a central institution in our political system. The ceremony will also reaffirm the fundamental values of the Constitution: equality, freedom and pluralism, and demonstrate the monarchy's ability to adapt to the times. "It will be a ceremony before the Parliament that will be different from the ceremony in 1986, and will demonstrate that the Constitution and the monarchy are capable of integrating all the different visions that coexist in our country," the minister stressed.

The acting Minister thanked the Parliament, the Royal Household and the Government for their "total and absolute collaboration" in bringing about this ceremony of "enormous historical, legal and symbolic significance."

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