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## Puigdemont case divides German politicians

### Government and prosecutors support Spain

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**USPA NEWS** - The decision of the German judges leave free the former Prime Minister of the regional government of Catalonia, Carles Puigdemont, and reject the accusation of rebellion made by the Spanish Supreme Court, divided German politicians and worse a conflict that threatens to cool relations between two of the main European countries. In recent days have stepped the efforts of the German Government in support to Spain.

On Monday, German MEP Manfred Weber says in a interview to El Pais newspaper that "the judicial proceedings against Puigdemont is a real problem because he not respect the Constitution of their country. What we have to do politicians is just apply the beginning of the rule of law. I thing," added the German MEP, "the Spanish Government has no alternative except that of fight for the rule of law. The question of the unit of a country is an internal topic and the application and how to treat their Constitution is very important, but it's an internal topic," concluded Manfred Weber.

Also a spokesman of the German Chancellor Angela Merkel considers that the German Court is exceeded in their functions to assess the validity of the evidence for Spanish Justice against Puigdemont. According to the representative of Merkel the Catalan conflict is an internal problem of Spain that must be solved by Spanish judges. And he admitted that in Germany not have a great knowledge of the Spanish laws.

Meanwhile, the detainees in connection with the secessionist attempt in Catalonia have appeared in Court to be informed on their prosecution for the crime of rebellion. Among them, the former head of the Catalan Police, who is accused of using the troops to shield the separatists.

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