



GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE JUDICIARY

## **PLENARY AGREEMENT 16 OF 25 MAY 2005**

**Sixteen.-** 1.- In accordance with what is set out in article 82.1.4 of the Organic Law 6/1985, of 1 July, of the Judiciary –added by article 45 of the Organic Law 1/2004, of 28 December, regarding Integral Measures of Protection against Gender Violence– the criminal or mixed sections of the provincial courts listed below, grouped by autonomous communities, will assume exclusive hearing of matters of violence against women in the terms of article 1 of the aforesaid Organic Law, and specifically, and with the same character of exclusivity, the hearing of the appeals that the law establishes against the rulings in criminal matters passed by judges of violence against women and of the judgments and appeals against the rulings passed in the same matters regulated in the Organic Law 1/2004 by criminal courts with seats in the respective provinces, assuming likewise, and with the same character of exclusivity, the hearing of all those matters in which the trial in first instance of the proceedings heard by judges of violence against women corresponds to the respective provinces, except for trials for which jury courts have competence:

<b>AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY</b>	<b>PROVINCIAL COURT</b>	<b>SPECIALISED SECTION</b>
<b>ANDALUSIA</b>	<b>ALMERIA</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>
	<b>CADIZ</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>
	<b>CORDOBA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>GRANADA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>HUELVA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>JAEN</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>
	<b>MALAGA</b>	<b>EIGHTH SECTION</b>
	<b>SEVILLE</b>	<b>FOURTH SECTION</b>
<b>ARAGON</b>	<b>HUESCA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>TERUEL</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>ZARAGOZA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
<b>ASTURIAS</b>	<b>OVIEDO</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>
<b>BALEARIC ISLANDS</b>	<b>PALMA DE MALLORCA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
<b>CANARY ISLANDS</b>	<b>LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE</b>	<b>FIFTH SECTION</b>
<b>CANTABRIA</b>	<b>CANTABRIA</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>
<b>CASTILLA Y LEON</b>	<b>AVILA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>BURGOS</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>LEON</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>



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	<b>PALENCIA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>SALAMANCA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>SEGOVIA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>SORIA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>VALLADOLID</b>	<b>FOURTH SECTION</b>
	<b>ZAMORA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
<b>CASTILLA LA-MANCHA</b>	<b>ALBACETE</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>CIUDAD REAL</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>CUENCA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>GUADALAJARA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>
	<b>TOLEDO</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
<b>CATALONIA</b>	<b>BARCELONA</b>	<b>TENTH SECTION</b>
	<b>GIRONA</b>	<b>THIRD SECTION</b>
	<b>LLEIDA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>TARRAGONA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
<b>COMUNNITY OF VALENCIA</b>	<b>ALICANTE</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>CASTELLON</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>VALENCIA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
<b>EXTREMADURA</b>	<b>BADAJOS</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>CACERES</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
<b>GALICIA</b>	<b>A CORUÑA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>LUGO</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>OURENSE</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>PONTEVEDRA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
<b>MADRID</b>	<b>MADRID</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SECTIONS</b>
<b>REGION OF MURCIA</b>	<b>MURCIA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
<b>NAVARRA</b>	<b>NAVARRA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
<b>BASQUE COUNTRY</b>	<b>ALAVA</b>	<b>SECOND SECTION</b>
	<b>GUIPUZCOA</b>	<b>FIRST SECTION</b>
	<b>BISCAY</b>	<b>SIXTH SECTION</b>
<b>LA RIOJA</b>	<b>LA RIOJA</b>	<b>ONLY SECTION</b>

2.- In accordance with what is set out in article 82.4 of the Organic Law 6/1985, of 1 July, of the Judiciary, –added by article 46 of the Organic Law 1/2004, of 28 December, regarding Integral Measures of Protection against Gender Violence–, the civil or mixed sections of the provincial courts listed below, grouped by autonomous community, will assume exclusive hearing of the appeals that the law establishes against rulings in civil matters passed by judges of violence against women in the respective provinces:



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AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY	PROVINCIAL COURT	SPECIALISED SECTION
ARAGON	ZARAGOZA	SECOND SECTION
CANARY ISLANDS	LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA	THIRD SECTION
CASTILLA Y LEON	BURGOS	SECOND SECTION
CATALONIA	BARCELONA	TWELFTH SECTION
COMMUNITY OF VALENCIA	ALICANTE	FOURTH SECTION
	CASTELLÓN	SECOND SECTION
	VALENCIA	TENTH SECTION
MADRID	MADRID	TWENTY-FOURTH SECTION
BASQUE COUNTRY	GUIPÚZCOA	SECOND SECTION
	VIZCAYA	FOURTH SECTION

3.- In those provincial courts where a new Section is created corresponding to the planning for the year 2005, and specifically said creation is carried out in December of this year, it will be this Section that permanently specialises in hearing criminal matters related to gender violence, previous agreement adopted by the General Council of the Judiciary. Thus, the specialisation now being carried out with reference to the indicated courts should be understood as provisional.

4.- The Sections of the provincial courts of Cadiz, Malaga, Asturias, Alicante, A Coruña, Pontevedra and Murcia that specialise in the present Agreement will extend their competence in this matter to the entirety of their territorial area, including that of displaced sections. Likewise, the First Section of the provincial court of Badajoz will extend its competence in this matter to the entirety of its territorial area, including that of the Section of the same with a seat in Merida.

5.- The remaining Sections of the provincial courts affected by these measures hearing matters related to gender violence will continue hearing, until their conclusion, proceedings of this kind pending before them.

6.- Given that the vesting of the powers of hearing matters related to gender violence is carried out exclusively but without excluding, the administrative and disciplinary divisions of the higher courts, in exercising the powers vested in them and previous proposal by the magistrates of the affected provincial courts, will adopt, where appropriate, and with respect to the Sections



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of the provincial courts for which the specialisation measure for hearing this specific matter is now being adopted, the relevant Agreements regarding modification of regulations concerning distribution or reduction of same, where the entry of matters made reference to by the Organic Law 1/2004, of 28 December, advises it, and of the rest corresponding to the criminal or civil jurisdiction entrusted, in order to avoid imbalances in the workloads of the respective Sections and which may cause dysfunctions in the correcting functioning of judicial services.

7.- The present measures will have effect as of 29 June of 2005.

8.- Proceed to set into motion the procedures for the vesting of exclusive powers to hear matters concerning family law to the Second Section of the provincial court of Zaragoza, the Third of the provincial court of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, the Twelfth of the Provincial Court of Barcelona, the Fourth of the provincial court of Alicante, the Second of the provincial court of Guipuzcoa, and the Fourth of the provincial court of Biscay, which in the present Agreement will specialise in the hearing of the appeals that the law establishes against rulings in civil matters passed by judges of violence against women in the respective provinces.

9.- As to the civil Sections of the provincial court of Madrid that have been conferred exclusive powers for hearing matters pertaining to family law, once the entry of cases of gender violence corresponding to the second half of 2005 has been evaluated, and in the event that it is considered legitimate, the processes will begin for specialisation in this matter of the Twenty-Second Section, as long as said entry of matters thus advises it.

10.- Proceed to begin the procedures for vesting exclusive powers for hearing matters pertaining to family law to a specific Section of the provincial courts of Cordoba, Granada, Malaga, Seville, Zaragoza, Oviedo, Palma de Mallorca, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Cantabria, Valladolid, Tarragona, Badajoz, A Coruña, Pontevedra, Murcia, Navarra, and Alava, in whose provinces are seated specialised courts in this matter, as prior to their specialisation in hearing appeals that the law establishes against rulings in civil matters passed by judges of violence against women in the respective provinces.