



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02309**

BY: **Ms. MAY (SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS)**

DATE: **MAY 3, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **SIGNED BY THE HONOURABLE CHRYSTIA FREELAND**

Response by the Minister of Foreign Affairs

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Foreign policy

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Canada values its relationship with Spain, a like-minded partner and a country with whom we share fundamental values. Canada will continue to closely monitor the situation as it evolves. The Government of Canada has consistently stated that a solution to this internal issue should be achieved through peaceful dialogue within the rule of law and in accordance with the Spanish constitutional framework. Canada is confident in the ability and commitment of the Spanish government and people to address the issues in Catalonia constructively and in the spirit of reconciliation, in accordance with the law and the Spanish constitution and for the benefit of all Spanish citizens, including in Catalonia.