High National Court approves extraordinary plan in anticipation of rising appeals from applicants in Ceuta

The High National Court approved an extraordinary reinforcement plan for the Administrative Chamber in anticipation of the expected increase in appeals of international protection cases as a result of the massive irregular entry of people into Ceuta through the border of Morocco on 30-31 July 2026.

The plan includes a 6-month assignment for 43 judges of the Administrative Chamber to handle and resolve cases related to international protection, both through ordinary channels and urgent precautionary measures. It also allows the eight sections of the chamber to remain on permanent standby to ensure a coordinated and balanced handling of new cases related to international protection.

In addition, it is proposed to provide sufficient staff and legal assistants to handle the excess volume of incoming cases and the speed of resolutions, as well as reinforce the registration and distribution office to handle the foreseeable increase in cases.

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