



## RESOLUTION TO BRING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

19 October 2018

The Executive Committee of the Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV), at its meeting held on 11 October 2018 past, agreed to bring administrative disciplinary proceedings for the commission of a very serious offence against Banco Popular Español, S.A. and its executive board members, the members of its audit committee and its financial director at the time of the facts in question, for having provided CNMV with inaccurate or untrue financial information in its annual accounts for 2016 (Article 282(2) of the Securities Market Act [consolidated text approved by Royal Legislative Decree 4/2015, of 23 October]).

At that same meeting, CNMV's Executive Committee, in accordance with the provisions of Article 272(2) of the Securities Market Act, agreed to suspend the proceedings, due to the fact that criminal proceedings are ongoing in relation to identical or inseparable facts, until a firm decision is handed down by the court dealing with such case.

The proceedings referred to in this statement are limited to the aspects of the 2016 annual accounts to which reference was made in the notification of a Price Sensitive Information issued by the entity on 3 April 2017.

This statement is hereby released pursuant to the provisions of Article 313(d) of the Securities Market Act, and does not prejudice the final outcome of the disciplinary proceedings, whereby the parties against which they are being brought shall have all the means to which they are entitled under the legal system available to defend their rights.