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Palmawood becoming global film location

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Palma.—The Palma Film Office processed 217 shoots during 2017.

Nineteen of these were for cinema productions, 75 were for photography, 78 for reports or documentaries and 45 for advertising.

Among various brands for which there was film-

ing were American Express, Volkswagen, H&M, Cartier, Nivea, Vodafone, Movistar, Samsung and BMW. Palma's councillor for tourism, trade and employment, Joana Maria Adrover, said yesterday that the town hall will continue to give all possible support to the office -

it is part of her department.

An increase in the number of shoots from 171 in 2016 shows, she adds, that Palma is "an attractive city for filming". The film office launched a new website a few months ago.

This provides a simple

means for researching locations. The office's tasks include finding locations, professional services, accommodation, logistics and complementary services, dealing with municipal procedures for obtaining permits, and giving institutional support to the audiovisual sector.



Spain challenges Catalan ex-leader's move to resume office

● Spain's government yesterday appealed to the Constitutional Court to block former leader Carles Puigdemont's bid to lead Catalonia again, in an escalation of tensions between Madrid and Barcelona.

Puigdemont fled to Belgium in October to avoid arrest for leading a secession bid and the government says he cannot be sworn in because he would be detained if he returns to Spain and could not rule in absentia.

Puigdemont and his allies have responded that he could rule from abroad - winning him the nickname the hologram president.

"The government must use every tool made available by the laws and the constitution to make sure that a fugitive cannot be sworn in and become the head of the regional government," Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria said after announcing the appeal to Spain's top court.

Puigdemont reacted immediately. "They are panicking in the face of the will of the people," he tweeted.

The row over Puigdemont's candidacy will come to a head on Tuesday when the Catalan parliament plans to vote on it.

The newly elected speaker of the parliament, Roger Torrent, nominated Puigdemont on Monday as the sole candidate for regional leader, in defiance of Madrid's warnings.

Puigdemont has not ruled out travelling to Barcelona to take part in the parliamentary vote, but has not said he would do it either.

The Council of State - the supreme consultative council of the Spanish government which advises on serious issues - on Thursday advised against an appeal to the Constitutional Court.

Saenz de Santamaria said that if the court agreed with the government, Puigdemont's candidacy would be invalidated and the vote could not take place.