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Sister of King Philip VI of Spain pleads not guilty

On trial for alleged corruption

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USPA NEWS - Infanta Cristina de Borbon, sister of King Philip VI of Spain, on Thursday testified in Court that judges the activities of the company Aizoon for allegedly committing several crimes of corruption and tax. The Infanta only answered questions from his defense.

Cristina de Borbon denied involvement in the activities of Aizoon, defended contained in the organizational structure of the company because her husband asked him and blamed him of running the business, but said he was convinced of his innocence. The sister of King Philip VI is the first member of the Spanish Royal Family to appear in Court to answer several alleged crimes of corruption and public finances.

Aside by his brother hard core of the Royal Family and representational activities she had before, Cristina de Borbon amounted to a hundred representative activities developed in 2003 as a member of the Spanish Royal Family, he said he was forced to travel with frequency and explained that his work as director of the international division of the La Caixa Foundation and the care of his children occupied all the time, so it did not play any role in Aizoon.

The Infanta refused to answer questions from the prosecution representing the union Clean Hands, whose lawyer read the series of questions she had thought to ask. The other rejected accusations questioning the sister of the King of Spain, who only responded to his counsel. Cristina de Borbon faces a request of eight years in prison as a necessary partner in the crimes imputed to her husband, former international handball player Inaki Urdangarin. Neither the prosecution nor the Ministry of Finance accused the Infanta, sitting on the bench at the request of the union Clean Hands.

Cristina de Borbon told his lawyer that signed the constitution of Aizoon half with her husband "with confidence" in him, as it was one of the few people she trusted the sister of the King of Spain. She said she had "no signature or powers" in Aizoon and said that he could not access the balances of the accounts of the company, so she could "never" meet the income and expenses of the company. She denied being a tax shield for the alleged illegal activities of Aizoon and said that all of them were controlled by third parties. In this sense, she argued that her husband always acted with external expertise.

However, she admitted he was wrong sign the lease on the office occupied by the society, a non-profit but allegedly received millions in subsidies from the Government of Valencia and the Balearic Islands. The trial held in the Provincial Court of Palma, the capital of the Balearic Islands, seeks to clarify whether much of that money to personal accounts Urdangarin and his partner swerved, and if subsidies were granted illegally.

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