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# Rajoy opens the door to constitutional reform next legislature

#### Calls for a State pact on the matter

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**USPA NEWS** - The Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, opened the door to the reform of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, but warned that to do not just a parliamentary majority and claimed a State pact. It called on the opposition parties to negotiate the next legislative reform.

Asked about the constitutional reform, the Spanish Prime Minister said this is a "complex, difficult and sensitive" issue. In his view, address it requires "knowing what it want to do, sit with the goal of having the widest possible consensus" and "find the time". Rajoy argues that this is not the right time because the legislature is ending and that "the chances of there being a majority agreement are not there today." In this regard, he recalled that "Catalonia is considering some people, and not from a political party, but the Generalitat, the liquidation of the basic principle of the Spanish Constitution, which is the unit of Spain and national sovereignty".

The president added that in the next legislature "without a doubt we can talk" about the constitutional reform, but not to end the sovereignty, equality among all Spaniards, freedom and fundamental rights and solidarity among citizens "corresponding to all of the Spaniards and not just the few." "They are our traditional principles of constitutionalism, reflect our history and the vast majority of EU countries," he said.

On possible agreements after the next legislative elections in November, Rajoy said that "the debate that arises in Spain in the future is whether to govern restraint or will govern others, and if we are to continue to maintain the economic recovery, which it is still fragile and need to be careful, or they'll get others to implement other policies already were in their day where they took us."

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