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## **New president of the Catalan Government is committed to completing independence**

### **Inaugural speech**

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**USPA NEWS** - "There are no times for cowards, for timid people or those who are weak in the legs easily," the new president of the regional Government of Catalonia, Carles Puigdemont, said Sunday during his inaugural speech.

A speech in which he appealed to the epic, with a final reference to the Catalans, and in the fifteenth century, came together to fight against those who oppressed them. In 50-minute speech, Carles Puigdemont made clear it intends to apply the independence declaration approved by the Catalan Parliament on November 9 and was suspended by the Constitutional Court. "We are in an exceptional period between post-independence and pre-independence," Puigdemont said, who began his speech by apologizing to the Catalans by the spectacle of negotiations between Together for Yes and the CUP, said in relation to which he admitted that "save the investiture and not save the legislature would not have done any good."

And, in his government program, the new president included some of the demands of the anti-capitalist coalition to give their support, as a social emergency plan and the adoption of good policy practices. But the gist of his speech was that Carles Puigdemont is willing to apply the program of the regional Parliament about the independence from the Government of Catalonia. "The decisions of the Parliament of Catalonia are sovereign decisions," he said, adding that proposes completing the independence process in the participatory phase, designing new structures Catalan state, develop the constituent laws and internationalize the process.

"This is the compromise that Together for the Yes appeared to the elections," said the new president, who returned again and again about the need for an independent State as a necessary condition for "a country more just and safer, a country that offers more job, a country more transparent and good practices." The new Catalan Government will develop new social and educational laws, which seek to "ensure inclusive model with guaranteed success and Catalan school" and created the Central Bank of Catalonia and the Catalan Social Security. It will also develop a new electoral law of Catalonia to ensure "greater levels of governance".

"We need," said Carles Puigdemont. "Anyone who says otherwise is naive or lying". The new president had begun his speech claiming to be "aware of the circumstances in which this session is held endowment," to then add that "we enter an unprecedented stage of Catalan politics and went without an instruction manual." That, however, did not prevent him committing to disobey the Spanish laws.

Carles Puigdemont obtained 70 votes (62 deputies of Together for the Yes and eight from CUP), 63 against (MPs of Citizens, the conservative Popular Party, the Socialist Party and Catalonia Yes you Can) and two abstentions two parliamentarians from the CUP. The new president will assume his office on Tuesday and submitted to the Cabinet a day later.

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