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The left supports Socialist Sanchez as president of the Spanish Government

King concludes contacts with parties

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USPA NEWS - King Philip VI ended Friday's round of contacts with the leaders of the thirteen political parties represented in the Spanish Parliament with a view to forming a new Government. After interviews with the monarch, Spain is now closer to having a leftist Government.

A Government formed by the Socialist Party, with the support of the extreme left represented by Podemos and the communists of United Left. Philip VI received Friday the Secretary General of Podemos, Pablo Iglesias; Secretary General of the Socialist Party (PSOE), Pedro Sanchez, and the acting Prime Minister and president of the conservative Popular Party (PP), Mariano Rajoy. At the meetings with the monarch they have not attended Basque separatists or Catalan Republicans.

Rajoy told the King his desire to submit to the investiture session, but does not have any support from other parties and 123 members of the PP are not enough to govern alone. By contrast, the Secretary General of the PSOE, Pedro Sanchez, received a favorable vote Podemos, the United Left, the Basque nationalists and other minority formations. Its stated intention to undergo investiture session if Rajoy fails to be elected, suggests that the Socialists can form a Government.

Policies and armchairs

But nothing is certain yet. Pablo Iglesias explained to King Philip VI tripartite Government proposal, which would be represented PSOE and United Left and Podemos. In this Government, the Secretary General of Podemos, Pablo Iglesias, claims for himself a vice and defends United Left occupy a ministry. In its proposal, Iglesias Europe warns that "the deficit should lower it, but at a slower pace," and announced an upgrade of diplomatic relations with Venezuela, Bolivia, Cuba and Iran.

Soon after, the Secretary General of the PSOE, Pedro Sanchez, publicly thanked the support of Podemos, but warned the formation of extreme left that "first we must talk about policies and then to form the Government." Socialist leader admitted that his party agrees with many things Podemos, but stressed that "one thing is the belief and other policies". Sanchez shook hands with all parties, both left and the right, for the formation of a "progressive" Government to implement a change in Spanish politics.

The requirement for a vice presidential Government was also criticized by the centrist Citizens, while the PP Rajoy announced it will propose to Socialists that "Pedro Sanchez will very difficult to refuse." Conservatives continue to advocate the formation of a strong Government with the participation of PP, PSOE and Citizen, although the Socialists will vote against Rajoy and Citizens will abstain in the vote. King Philip VI nominate a candidate for Prime Minister in the coming hours. In all likelihood it is Mariano Rajoy.

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