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## The King of Spain calls on politicians not get tired to voters

### With unnecessary elections

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**USPA NEWS -** The King of Spain, Philip VI, asked Monday to politicians who do not get tired to voters causing elections that should not be necessary, and urged them to cut election expenses because they can weigh down the economic recovery.

On the first day of consultations with spokesmen of political parties represented in the Spanish Parliament, King Philip VI received Monday leaders of eight formations, from lowest to highest parliamentary representation, with the aim of knowing if, as it seems, holding new legislative elections next June 26 will be inevitable or, on the contrary, there is a candidate who has enough parliamentary support to be elected Prime Minister and form a stable Government.

All spokespersons Monday attended at the Zarzuela Palace, the official residence of the Kings of Spain, in Madrid, they agreed to admit to the monarch that the four months since the elections on December 20, 2015, have been a missed opportunity for the lack of agreement between the various political parties for the election of Prime Minister. If finally the Spanish Parliament is dissolved and elections to be convened on June 26, it will put an end to the shorter term of the recent Spanish democratic history. Will also be the first time the King has to dissolve Parliament and call elections, which under normal circumstances is for the Prime Minister.

Talks with King are secret, but subsequent hearings of the parliamentary spokesmen could know that the monarch asked representatives of parties that do not get tired to voters, in what is interpreted as a criticism of the inability of formations to reach agreements. In the same vein, Philip VI asked spokesmen that if new elections are summoned and be taken out a new campaign, cut spending not to tax the public accounts. Asked about it, the spokesman nationalist party of the Canary Islands (Canary Coalition), Ana Oramas, said the problem of excessive campaign spending is the major parties, which are exaggerated subsidies and devote large budgets to advertising and hiring TV spots in prime time.

All spokespeople who met Monday with King agreed that the most likely scenario is the call for new elections, since no agreement for the nomination of any candidate for Prime Minister and the two main parties, the conservative Popular Party and Socialist Party, "are already thinking about the elections," denounced as a spokesman. On Tuesday, King Philip VI can check whether the appreciation of the representatives of small parties is correct, then he receive the spokespersons of the main parties represented in Parliament. The round of consultations, the third since the elections on December 20, 2015, will close the evening with the acting president of the Government and candidate of the Popular Party, Mariano Rajoy.

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