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Rajoy offers dialogue to the new Catalan Government but into the law

They feel entitled independence

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, on Monday moved a message of reassurance to the Spaniards and the international markets, after the election results in Catalonia. Rajoy stressed that the independence movement has not popular support and is illegal and offered dialogue.

"Do not reach four of every ten Catalans who have opted for a breakaway program," Rajoy said in an official statement at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid, seat of the Presidency of the Spanish Government. "And now we know that they have not obtained the endorsement of the polls," he added. Rajoy offered dialogue to the new Government of Catalonia, but warned that only talk within the existing legal framework. The president of the Spanish Government recalled that independence is contrary to the Spanish Constitution and denied that the elections on Sunday were a referendum in Catalonia. "What is happening now," he said, "is that it starts a new regional legislature."

Rajoy's statement clashes with the winning coalition of Catalan elections. "We have a mandate, we have a parliamentary majority and a roadmap to meet," said the candidate of Just pel Si, Raul Romeva, in a joint appearance with still acting president of the Catalan Government, Artur Mas, and the leader of Republican Left (ERC its acronym in Catalan), Oriol Junqueras. The coalition insists that, with the support of the formation of extreme left CUP, which won ten deputies, has an absolute majority and denied that it has registered a decline in support for independence, for which no doubt add to their thesis to the Communist Party's ideology Catalonia Si que es Pot (Catalonia Yes Can).

But this formation rejected immediately give its support to the winners at the polls. "Neither support for the investiture of Artur Mas, no support for the unilateral declaration of independence," said the leader of Podemos, the party holding Catalonia Si que es Pot. Indeed, the choice of Artur Mas as a candidate for re-election as president is one of the points of friction between paper Junts pel Si and possible government partners. But the coalition wants to repeat as president of the Catalan Government, but still acting president is not accepted by the other political forces.

This Monday, less than 24 hours after the close of polling, Junts pel Si announced the imminent start of talks with the CUP for the formation of a parliamentary majority in order to progress in the independence process. The extreme party CUP is training left out of the European Union and abandon the Euro, and pursuing the establishment of a minimum social income for all citizens, it is something that seems do not worry the responsible Junts pel Si. "We have not yet begun to talk and that we will manage it when it arises in the negotiations," said Raul Romeva. The Spanish electoral law sets a deadline of October 26 to form a Government. Until then, everything is in the air.

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