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Rajoy is running for a new mandate and calls for a stable Government in Spain

The EC notes the election result

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USPA NEWS - The fragmentation of the Spanish Parliament as a result of the legislative elections held on Sunday can't justify the paralysis of the Government, the candidate of the conservative Popular Party (PP) to the Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, said on Monday.

Rajoy aspires for re-election as Prime Minister, a difficult target to achieve in view of what they decided to vote. However, it will bid, he announced on Monday at a press conference after the meeting of the Executive Committee of his party, who showed their support. Rajoy said act with "generosity and vision" when negotiating with other political forces to form a stable Government. "I will do what I can," promised Rajoy, who also announced his candidacy for re-election as president of the Popular Party in Congress to be held in 2016.

This Congress should be "open", he claimed the former president of the PP and the Spanish Government, Jose Maria Aznar, who believes that the loss of votes experienced by conservatives "requires reflection." A reflection that is not urgent, according to Rajoy, because we must not forget that the Popular Party won the election, was the largest party in thirteen of the seventeen Spanish regions and in the North African cities of Ceuta and Melilla, and takes 33 deputies his nearest rival, the Socialist Party. For now, Rajoy insisted, what matters is the formation of a stable Government to allow further implement the policies that helped to overcome the crisis and reassure international partners of Spain.

Including the European Union. The Committee "took note" Monday the results of the legislative elections in Spain and expressed confidence that "despite the difficulties", is possible to form a "stable Government". So said the spokesman for the European Commission, Mina Andreeva, who noted that "we have great hope that a stable Government can be formed, so that Spain can continue to work in close collaboration with institutions and partners in the European Union." The president of the Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, congratulated Mariano Rajoy as the most voted candidate.

The only red line that Rajoy will not cross, as he repeated on Monday, is the disruption of the territorial integrity of Spain and the violation of national sovereignty. Apart from this, he was ready to talk with everyone and everything. For now has the indirect support of the centrist party Citizens, who will abstain in the vote of investiture that election Rajoy prefers to holding new elections. And, if Rajoy does not obtain an absolute majority on the first ballot or a simple majority in second, and if no other candidate wins the confidence of Parliament to form a Government within a maximum period of two months after the first ballot, should call new legislative. A scenario in which no one wants to think, for now.

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