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The Spanish Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez caresses the Government

A tripartite possible solution

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USPA NEWS - Far from unlocking the Spanish political situation, the resignation of Mariano Rajoy to undergo investiture session raises many questions and announces a difficult and short term. The Popular Party has in the Upper House of the Spanish Parliament a force capable of stopping the Government.

When, next week, King Philip IV of Spain concluded the second round of consultations with leaders of political parties represented in Parliament, everything points to propose to the Secretary General of the Socialist Party (PSOE), Pedro Sanchez, as candidate to the Prime Minister. With only 90 deputies, Sanchez attracts the support of the extreme left represented in Podemos (69 deputies), the Communists of United Left (2 members), the Basque nationalists (6 members) and other smaller formations, enough to get elected at least in the second ballot.

In return, the Socialists should give Podemos some ministries and United Left. The Secretary General of Podemos, Pablo Iglesias, said Friday that it is "imperative" that his coalition is in Government of Pedro Sanchez as "ensuring that there is a real change" because it does not trust the word of the Socialist leader. For this purpose, he ran as vice president and called for his coalition ministries of Finance, Health, Education, Social Services, Defense, Foreign Affairs and Plurinationality, the latter a new ministry proposed aiming to recognize the right to self-determination of Spanish regions.

But before distributing ministries, Pedro Sanchez wants to talk politics. This Saturday he meets with the Secretary General of Podemos to discuss the scenario that opens. There is much to negotiate and Socialist leader faces the former leaders of his party and the Socialists territorial leaders, who see the proposal Podemos attempt to humiliate the PSOE and corner him. Sanchez need the Podemos votes; the question is to what extent it is willing to yield.

If there are no surprises, the Socialist Secretary General will be the next Prime Minister of Spain, a tripartite Government. But not have it easy. The Senate is the House of second reading and there, Pedro Sanchez will find a conservative absolute majority block all its laws. The Popular Party has in the Upper House of the Spanish Parliament a force capable of stopping the Government, and the Lower House has 123 deputies who form a blocking minority. The cuts announced legislature and governance, almost impossible.

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