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## Rajoy confirmed that attempts to form a Government

### Despite the rejection of the opposition

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**USPA NEWS** - The president of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, confirmed Tuesday that despite the rejection expressed by the leaders of Socialist Party, Citizens and Podemos, will attempt to form a Government as the most voted candidate in the elections of December 20.

Rajoy on Tuesday chaired the last Council of Ministers of the year and appeared before the press corps at the Moncloa Palace, home of the Spanish Government, to explain the agreements reached and to congratulate the New Year to journalists and citizens. Rajoy confirmed that, following talks with the leaders of the centrist party Citizens and left-wing Podemos, Albert Rivera and Pablo Iglesias respectively, is to "try to form a Government" because the will of the Spaniards over who should govern the country "is clear."

Rajoy recalled that the conservative Popular Party (PP) was the winner of the legislative elections held on December 20, with more than 30 seats apart and 1.7 million more votes than the Socialist Party (PSOE), second in the elections. He also clarified his possible resignation in favor of another candidate of the PP to enable governance is an issue that "is not even considered."

So far, Rajoy has received the rejection of the Socialist secretary general, Pedro Sanchez, and the secretary general of Podemos, Pablo Iglesias; and conditioned rejection of president of Citizens, Albert Rivera, who confirmed that, although it would vote against the investiture of Rajoy on the first ballot, if necessary for the election in a second ballot conditions are met, the centrist party would abstain to favor the formation of Government.

The Spanish Prime Minister also stressed that the December 20 Spaniards overwhelmingly opted for parties that defend the unity of Spain and are against the disintegration of some regions such as Catalonia and the Basque Country. He therefore appealed to the understanding between these parties, particularly from PP, the Socialist Party and Citizens. However, he clarified that, so far, has not asked for the vote of no political party with whom he has spoken.

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