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## Rajoy says it is important to have a coherent Government with the elections

### As soon as possible

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**USPA NEWS** - The acting president of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, defended Monday, told Spanish public radio, an executive with a "broad parliamentary support that addresses the major challenges facing our country at this time."

According to Rajoy, "there is much scope to be understood." As concerns whether the round of contacts with political groups that begins Monday King Philip VI has accelerated, Mariano Rajoy explained that takes place "where appropriate", that is, three or four days after the establishment of the Parliament: "I think we're in a timely manner and has not done anything different than usual."

Rajoy said that, although it has the advantage of being approved the Budget for 2016, "the sooner the Government is in the exercise of their responsibilities, full exercise, the better." He said that "what really matters" is that "Spain has a Government, especially a coherent Government with the election results and a Government with a program with clear objectives and that address what really matters to the Spanish." He added that this should be done "as soon as possible".

In this regard, he defended a deal with "broad parliamentary support that addresses the major challenges facing our country at this time." In his opinion, the conservative Popular Party (PP), the Socialist Party (PSOE) and the centrist Citizens join them "fundamental" things such as the unity of Spain, the principle of equality of all Spaniards, European policy and politics outside. They also agree on the goals, as the defense of the welfare state, economic growth and employment. "Therefore, although there are things that we disagree, I think there is much scope to be understood," he added.

The Spanish Prime Minister noted that the formation of this Government, "would give a good message and out, generate security, generate certainty in Spain, in the markets." That would "have four years ahead very positive" because reforms "with a lot of support and a lot of time" would be made, and could consolidate the economic recovery. According to Rajoy, the main objective remains to create two million jobs over the next four years.

Rajoy defended the reforms that have taken place in the last legislature: "The biggest mistake we could make is to back, back to old policies that we know where they delivered." It identified three main objectives for the future. First and foremost is to create jobs, for which "we must make an economic policy as we have done in recent years." Second, maintain and enhance the pillars of the welfare state. Third, fight against jihadist terrorism.

### The Catalan problem

With respect to Catalonia, Mariano Rajoy stressed that the Government's position remains "very clear": will go to the courts provided that any decision to go against the Spanish Constitution, the Statute of Autonomy or the law because that is adopted "it is the obligation of the Government of Spain." Moreover, he said that if the new president of the Generalitat of Catalonia, Carles Puigdemont, called, will assist, as it has always done and as it does with any president of an other region.

Asked about the situation in Venezuela, Mariano Rajoy said he wants the same for this country for Spain: democracy, freedom, human rights, free enterprise and a model welfare. So Venezuelans requires political leaders who "turn the country into a free and democratic country." Regarding the change in the presidency of Argentina, Rajoy stressed the good relationship that has always maintained with Mauricio Macri, the new president: "The first steps are very positive for Argentina and for all Argentines."

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