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Spanish extreme left considers impossible a leftist Government

After the rejection of their proposals

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USPA NEWS - Every day that passes, Spain takes another step towards repeat elections on June 26. After the meeting held on Thursday by the Socialist Party, Citizens and Podemos, the three partners agree that a leftist Government is impossible, as the support of the extreme left to a socialist Government.

Citizens and Socialists explained the same Thursday there was no agreement, although they differ in outcome assessment: Citizens ensures no new meetings to three and the Socialists insist that, although very difficult, the agreement is still possible. This Friday, the secretary general of Podemos, the extreme left populist coalition, who attended the meeting with a document of 20 proposals that included some concessions, but would not give an unaffordable increase in public spending, or the right of Catalans to decide on independence or to reject the presence of the center party Citizens in a hypothetical leftist Government, said he was "disappointed" by the outcome of the meeting, he accused his two partners of "hardliners."

The Socialist Party is "kidnapped" by Citizens, in opinion of the secretary general of Podemos, Pablo Iglesias. The leftist leader announced that next week, between 14 and 16, subject to the decision of its bases their next steps. The consultation will include two questions: first, whether to support a Government of Socialists and Citizens, and second, whether they support a coalition Government between the leftist forces, which exclude Citizens. If the majority of its members voted for the first option, we should refrain eventual investiture vote of the socialist Pedro Sanchez supported by Citizens. If militants can vote the second, the formation of extreme left will oppose the socialist Government and Citizens.

Pablo Iglesias complained about the attitude of his interlocutors at the meeting on Thursday. He explained that the Socialist representatives insisted that the only possible framework for dialogue is the agreement signed by the Socialist Party and Citizens, and that the latter party refused to change that agreement and noted that to agree with the Socialists, had already had to compromise on important issues and is not willing to give more. These two views reflect in opinion of Iglesias, the "inaction" of its partners. "It seems that Pedro Sanchez had traveled to the country of Citizens and there he had been retained his passport and could not return," he said.

"If they want us to give up everything, renounce our principles and give a blank check, our answer is no," said Pablo Iglesias. "We could agree with the Socialist Party on a social democratic economic program," he added. "What happens is that Citizens has taken back the social democratic program." What "they propose is a Citizen Government chaired by Pedro Sanchez," he said pointedly.

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