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## Spanish Prime Minister completes his Government

### To face the opposition

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**USPA NEWS** - The change of Government in Spain, legal according to all but described as immoral by the conservative Popular Party and by many analysts, has convulsed Spanish politics by the circumstances in which it occurred and its unforeseeable consequences.

Spain has a new Prime Minister, the Socialist Pedro SÁnchez, who will present their Government this Wednesday. The first confirmed ministers are the veteran Socialist Carmen Calvo as vice president and Minister of Equality and Josep Borrell as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Also Maria Jesus Montero as Minister of Treasury. A Government in minority, as has only 84 deputies of a total of 350 and faces a Senate controlled by the conservative Popular Party, who has announced its intention to hinder the most of Government action. Not only that. Catalan parties pro-Independence, extreme left of Podemos and Basque nationalists, whose votes were required to take down Mariano Rajoy and invest Pedro SÁnchez, have begun to claim to pay their services to the Socialist cause. The Catalan Independence require freedom of their comrades prisoners, the extreme left party of Podemos want to control the public media (Spanish TV and EFE news agency) and Basque nationalists require the maintenance of the Budget items included in the Project Budget of the State benefiting the Basque Country.

The problem is that the overthrown Popular Party, of conservative ideology, threatens vote against those items, which himself agreed with the Basque nationalists, in a form of revenge by betrayal of the Basque and to hinder the work of the Socialist Government.

After ensuring that his Government will be made up of only socialists, the Prime Minister is surrounding himself with prestigious former ministers of previous Socialist governments to form his team. Stresses the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Josep Borrell, of Catalan origin and contrary to the Independence of Catalonia. Although he will not have to negotiate with the Catalans, his appointment is interpreted as compensation for the support received from the Catalan separatists to reach the Government. Borrell will have to deactivate the victimizing image of the Independence movement in international forums.

Meanwhile, in the conservative Popular Party, shocked to have lost the Government, begins to question the leadership of Mariano Rajoy. Although the leaders of the party are convinced that the former Prime Minister will continue to lead and will be a candidate in the next legislative elections, many voices are calling for an orderly relief to regain the Government. Rajoy is supported by its economic management: two million more jobs, 3.1% of GDP growth and Spain as the country that grows the most in Europe. The conservatives trust that the elections will be held soon and that the Socialist Government does not have time to obtain economic results.

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