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Sanchez and Feijoo meet this Friday with little chance of agreement

A meeting with accusations crossed

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USPA NEWS - The president of the Spanish Government, the socialist Pedro Sanchez, and the conservative head of the opposition, Alberto Nuñez Feijoo, will meet this Friday in Madrid in search of agreements on State affairs that, however, seem unlikely. Two days before, in Parliament, both leaders exchanged accusations of all kinds, making clear their differences and the great distance that separates their respective visions of the State.

The head of the opposition, the conservative Alberto Nuñez Feijoo, accuses the President of the Government of selling the State to the interests of the Catalan and Basque independentists, in exchange for his support for the investiture of Pedro Sanchez, first, and for the Government's action. after. Nuñez Feijoo criticizes the concessions of the Spanish Government to the independentists: the Amnesty law for independentist leaders, a law that will allow politicians to investigate judges who adopt measures contrary to the independentists or the forgiveness of the Catalan debt. Nuñez Feijoo has reproached the President of the Government for these transfers and the Government, in its response, has asked the opposition leader to respect the Government's decisions, accusing him of making insults his main weapon against the Government.

The situation reflects the difficult moment that Spanish democracy is going through, with a serious risk of rupture. More than two weeks of negotiations have been necessary to close the meeting that both leaders will hold this Friday in Parliament. The President of the Government wants to reach "State agreements" on the issues he has already proposed - renewal of the General Council of the Judiciary, the regional financing system and reforming article 49 of the Constitution, which establishes that "the public powers will carry out a policy of provision, treatment, rehabilitation and integration of the physically, sensorially and mentally handicapped, to whom they will provide the specialized attention they require and will especially protect them for the enjoyment of the rights that this Title grants to all citizens"-, but opening to add to the agenda "everything you consider and desire."

Despite accepting the conservative leader's proposal to take the meeting to a terrain that conservative sources described as "neutral," Sanchez disqualified it for being "unprecedented" and an attempt to "play hide and seek." "I meet, but in Congress," he added. Likewise, he stated that he does not give up on "in the future [Alberto Nuñez Feijoo] coming to the Moncloa Palace and being able to receive him as head of the opposition." After reiterating the need to dialogue and reach State pacts between the two major parties, the president of the Government concluded that "the only thing I ask of you is understanding, not insult."

The objective of the conservative Popular Party (PP) seeks to guarantee that Sanchez agrees to talk about what Feijóo will bring to the appointment. Specifically, the PP proposes to talk about the Amnesty Law, the Council of State and the Prosecutor's Office, the depoliticization of the public radio and television, and the EFE news agency, measures to guarantee judicial independence within the framework of the renewal of the General Council of the Judicial Power and "the position regarding judicial prevarication denounced by PSOE, Junts per Catalunya and Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC)" in clear reference to the commissions on 'lawfare'.

In addition, Feijoo demands to have information about the negotiations held in Geneva between the Government, Junts and ERC, the tax increases agreed with Sumar, the debt forgiveness and alleged transfer of 100% of the taxes to Catalonia and Euskadi, and the motion to censorship in Pamplona to give the mayoralty to the pro terrorist party Bildu.

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