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## The Catalan president warns anti its power is limited

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**USPA NEWS** - The acting president of the regional Government of Catalonia, Artur Mas, made on Tuesday called on the CUP, the anti-capitalist formation whose support needs to be invested for a new mandate, to use force "with restraint" and warned that their ability to promote changes is limited.

In an interview with Catalan radio, Artur Mas called on the CUP to assume its ten deputies in the regional Parliament of Catalonia may force early elections, but not "change" the supply of Junts pel Si (the Nationalist-Republican coalition developer independence of Catalonia), based on a "presidential transition" with Artur Mas and three others. "I'm not an obstacle or a problem," he said and was convinced that "the problem is how to best protect and guarantee the sovereignty process."

But he admitted he was "surprised" at equalizing 1,515 votes among supporters of his investiture and contrary to its continuity in the CUP meeting held in Barcelona on Sunday. After the draw, which also surprised other parliamentary parties in Catalonia, as Citizens, the CUP will reconvene on Saturday, January 2 to vote on whether to support or reject the nomination of Artur Mas. According to Spanish media, the coalition is considering the possibility that five of its ten members vote in favor and five against. Thus, they avoid giving their support to the candidate of Junts pel Si and would permit Catalonia to new early elections in March.

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