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Spanish Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez appeals to not block him as President

Appeal to leftist parties

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USPA NEWS - Secretary General and candidate of the Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez, said Tuesday that his party will win the elections on June 26 in Spain and called on the other political formations that "no blocking" the possibility of forming a Government to the party that gets "gather more seats."

In a meeting with journalists of the newspaper El Mundo, organized by this newspaper, the Socialist candidate was assumed that his party will win the election despite polls place him as second or third. "The Spaniards want more Socialist Party that demographic surveys," said Pedro Sanchez, who predicted that his training "will improve results and be in a better position to form Government." When asked what will happen if that does not happen and, as forecast surveys, the Socialists reap the worst results in its history, Sanchez said that "my future will be decided by the Spaniards and then the militants first. I aspire to re-introduce the general secretary of the Socialist Party as Prime Minister."

To achieve this goal, the Socialist leader said that after the elections, will not veto "to any of the political forces of change," but clarified that that group does not include the conservative Popular Party of the acting President of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, because it is the paradigm of immobilism. When asked if contemplates the possibility of being supported by conservatives to avoid a Government in which no be the extreme left represented in Podemos, Pedro Sanchez was resounding: "it's something that I do not consider," he said.

He defined himself as a "transparent political" that "does what it says," and played down differences within the Socialist Party. "Criticism should be assumed as normal. We are a leftist party in which we have debate," he said. Its aim, declared once again, it is to the Prime Minister, for which he will not hesitate to agree with other leftist parties. That did him not stop criticizing Podemos and warn for a new negotiation. "The proposals of [Pablo] Iglesias on couches were to block any agreement," he said, referring to the negotiations that maintained after the previous elections, which ended without agreement.

"Iglesias never had a problem of content regarding the pact with Citizens, their problem was having to vote for President a Socialist candidate," he said. Regarding their announcement that, if it comes to Government, raise taxes, he said that the economic situation in Spain "do not give tax breaks" as promises to make the acting President and candidate of Conservatives. "What will my Government," said Pedro Sanchez, "will go to Brussels" to agree on a new timetable for meeting the fiscal pact.

It considers that the main problem is the deficit of Social Security, which is essential to address the sustainability of pensions, which could be achieved with a "solidarity surcharge" on a "basket of taxes," not on one or two specific tax figures. "The middle class and the lower class in our country will not be with us a raise their taxes," he promised and stressed the need to create "jobs with rights", which, he said, is just what does not guarantee Labour Reform.

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