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Sánchez resists and confirms his continuity as Spanish Prime Minister

Announcement after 5 days of reflection

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, is not giving up. In an appearance on the steps of the Moncloa Palace in Madrid, the official residence of the head of Government, without questions or journalists and after five days of announced reflection, Sánchez said that “I have decided to continue, with more force if possible, at the head of the Presidency of the Government of Spain.”

“I assume my commitment to work tirelessly, with firmness and serenity, for the regeneration of our democracy and for the advancement of rights and freedoms,” added Pedro Sánchez and then announced that “this decision is not a one-stop shop; It is a point and apart to work firmly” against those who muddy politics. The Spanish Prime Minister, who last Thursday published an open letter to citizens on social networks, in which he asked if “it is worth it” to continue in office after the investigation opened against his wife by a Madrid Court that tries to know if she used privileged information, he explained that he made the decision to continue leading the Government after five days of reflection and becoming convinced that “this discredit campaign will not stop. It is serious, but it is not the most relevant thing. We can handle it,” he said and added: “The important thing is that we want to heartily thank the expressions of solidarity and empathy received from all walks of life.”

The continuity of Pedro Sánchez at the head of the Government of Spain did not take the Spaniards by surprise. Very few doubted this, given the attachment to the position that Pedro Sánchez displays. Before his appearance at the Moncloa Palace, the Prime Minister went to the Zarzuela Palace, the official residence of the Kings, to inform Felipe VI of his decision.

After confirming his continuity, the head of the conservative opposition, Alberto Núñez Feijóo, assured that “Pedro Sánchez is already past.” An idea that coincides with the opinion of many analysts, who highlight the weakness of the Government, gripped by the Catalan and Basque independentists. Nor does the economy give Sánchez any respite. For the conservative opposition, Spain has entered with Pedro Sánchez into a process of institutional degradation and loss of international prestige from which it will only emerge with a change of Government.

“This is not comical, it is tragic: great damage has been done to our country,” said Núñez Feijóo. “His speech today is the most dangerous of all the ones he has given: he does not accept disagreement, he wants a country tailored to him and at his service. He wants to be even more president even at the cost of less democracy,” he added. “They want us in a block where we will never be. Furthermore, they paint a dark portrait of us to hide the darkness of their pacts. They put the focus on others so that we look away from what they don't want us to see, but everything is too murky and obvious. Spanish society is not going to be fooled,” concluded the head of the conservative opposition.

Criticism also came from the left of the Socialist Party. The former vice president with Sánchez and leader of the far-left Podemos coalition, Pablo Iglesias, accused the Prime Minister of having “made a fool of himself” and warned him that “having made a move like this: keeping the country in suspense, the visit to the King, the international press speaking, basically to say nothing, it can turn against him.”

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