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## The King of Spain consult the parties next week about the Prime Minister

### First round of consultations

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**USPA NEWS** - King Philip VI held next week, from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28, the first round of consultations with political parties represented in Parliament for the appointment of the candidate for Spanish Prime Minister.

Only two political parties, the Catalan and Basque separatists, have declined to meet with the King, who shall hold consultations from lowest to highest parliamentary representation. Thus, the Socialist secretary general, Pedro Sanchez, will be received at the Zarzuela Palace on Thursday at noon, and the acting president of the Spanish Government and candidate of the conservative Popular Party, Mariano Rajoy, will meet with the monarch that same Thursday afternoon.

King's intention is that political parties come to the consultations with a candidate in mind or, put another way, with negotiations between parties and held or in the process of reaching an agreement. The Royal House wants to prevent the holding of third elections and it requires responsibility and covenants parties. But that last, it seemed possible after the constitution of Parliament, may not be so easy.

The center party Citizens, which supported the Popular Party in the constitution of the Bureau of Congress, now threatens the Conservatives voting against the investiture of Mariano Rajoy if the Popular Party pact with the Catalan separatists, some of whose deputies voted in favor of the proposal for the conservatives to the Bureau of Parliament. The spokesman for Citizens, Juan Carlos Girauta, warned Thursday that his party will only give the other Conservative candidate if that candidate is not Rajoy, and said that even his abstention in the second ballot could translate into a vote against if it confirms that conservatives have agreed with the Catalan independence.

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