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Historical rejection of the Spanish Parliament to Socialist Pedro Sanchez

Lose the second ballot to be President

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USPA NEWS - For the first time in recent Spanish democratic history, a candidate for the Prime Minister was rejected Friday by the Parliament twice. This is what happened to the socialist Pedro Sanchez, who failed the simple majority needed in the second round to be sworn in President.

Pedro Sanchez only got the support of the 90 Socialist deputies, 40 of the centrist Citizens Party and the only parliamentary nationalist Canarian Coalition formation. In total, 131 votes, against 219 votes against. It was what was expected and historical and certified the final defeat of the socialist Pedro Sanchez, who becomes the first candidate for Prime Minister who fails to overcome the investiture. The vote, loudly and one by one, the 350 members of the Lower House of the Spanish Parliament, succeeded a debate that had tense moments and in which Pedro Sanchez had to endure criticism for its agreement with Citizens and allegations of corruption.

After confirming the rejection of the socialist candidate, Pedro Sanchez said that "I will not resign myself to the Popular Party will continue to govern" and said they felt "in the soul that Spain today has no Government." Sanchez accused the acting Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, the Spanish policy of blocking, precisely the same charge that Rajoy poured against him. Conservative leader called on the Socialists to stop blocking the political situation and support the formation of a Government led by the Popular Party, which won the elections on December 20.

Pedro Sanchez did not want to hear the acting Prime Minister and announced that he will continue to work to achieve the majority needed to change the Government. To that end, the Secretary General of the populist extreme leftist coalition Podemos, Pablo Iglesias, held out his hand to re-negotiate ... with the condition that the Socialists to break their agreement with Citizens, whose leader, Albert Rivera, thanked for their support the socialist candidate.

After the vote, the president of the Congress, Patxi Lopez, communicated by telephone to King Philip VI the outcome of the election. The monarch has been quoted on Monday at the Zarzuela Palace, the official residence of the Kings of Spain. Felipe VI must now decide whether to start a new round of consultations with the aim of proposing another candidate, which can be again Pedro Sanchez, the conservative leader Mariano Rajoy, any candidate of either party or even an independent. The only prerequisite is that the applicant intends to have the support needed to be invested.

The decision opens a period of two months until early elections, to be held on June 26 if no candidate receiving the support of Parliament to his investiture at this time. But it seems unlikely that consensus is reached. Spanish politics looks set for a new appointment with the polls. The question that many Spaniards are asking is whether these elections will clarify the political landscape or make up such a fragmented and ungovernable Parliament like this from the XI Legislature.

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