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Rajoy is running as candidate for reelection

While admitting the electoral defeat

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USPA NEWS - The president of the Spanish government and the Popular Party (PP), Mariano Rajoy, acknowledged Monday that his party did not get the result we would have liked in local and regional elections in Spain, but withdrew from the electoral defeat and ran as candidate for reelection.

Because of the poor results obtained by the conservatives, who lost 2.5 million votes and an absolute majority in the major cities and in all regions where elections were held to renew their parliaments, Rajoy declared dissatisfied, but defended victory PP in the elections was "incontestable". The Spanish prime minister appeared at a press conference after the meeting of the national executive of his party, which analyzed the election results and the shift to the left of the Spanish society.

Rajoy said that "we will always defend the prominence of the voted list," what benefits the PP because it would govern in municipalities where no absolute majority. Although the conservatives lost their majority in the councils of the major provincial capitals and in all regions where parliaments were renewed in smaller municipalities the PP obtained absolute majorities over 2,900, compared to 1,700 won by the Socialist Party.

In major cities and regions where they have mostly conservatives are willing to reach agreements with other parties to facilitate their governance. In this sense, Rajoy said the PP will offer "clear and stable" covenants, and criticized the morning announcement by the new mayor of Barcelona, Ada Colau, rejecting dialogue with conservatives. Colau try to create a strong alliance of the left in Barcelona.

Rajoy declined to criticism, although he acknowledged that his party has to "be closer, closer and communicate more with the Spaniards." In particular, the prime minister assumed that cases of corruption involving some former leaders of the PP have influenced the election results. The crisis has also affected the electoral prospects of the PP, Rajoy said, who during the campaign had insisted on highlighting the economic improvement as one of the greatest achievements of the conservative Government. Therefore, Rajoy, who did not admit liability in the electoral failure of his party, considered necessary to improve communication with the Spaniards.

As to whether the election results will lead to changes in the Popular Party or the Government of Spain, Rajoy was emphatic in denying it. Asked if he is the best candidate for the PP in the legislatives of November, he said he was "very comfortable and quiet" because "yes" is the best candidate. "I have many years in this party and I know him very well," Rajoy said to ensure that, in his opinion, his party trusts him as a candidate.

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