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The Spanish Government will pardon the Catalan independence prisoners

Prosecutor's Office oppose

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Government will pardon the Catalan independence politicians convicted of the attempted secession in that region of Northeast Spain. This was announced Tuesday from Brussels by Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. Despite the opposition of the Supreme Court and the Prosecutor's Office, the Government, accustomed to circumventing the judicial orders and the councils of the institutions in charge of ensuring the proper use of the powers of the State, has the firm intention of pardoning the independentists because He believes that only in this way can dialogue with the Catalan government be resumed.

A newly formed Catalan government, after the Republican Pere Aragonés took office as president on Monday. In his speech, he announced that he will work to achieve amnesty for the independence prisoners and independence for Catalonia. They are the same objectives of the jailed politicians, who have not apologized and, in court, affirmed that they will declare independence again when they are released from prison. It is the main reason why the Supreme Court and the Prosecutor's Office oppose the pardon.

But the President of the Spanish Government, Pedro Sánchez, considers it necessary to pardon the pro-independence politicians. He needs the support of Catalan Republicans and pro-independence nationalists to retain the parliamentary majority, and he intends to exhaust the legislature at any cost.

From Brussels, Sánchez assured that, when the time comes, he will have constitutional values such as "concord, dialogue, understanding and overcoming a crisis that tore not only Catalan society but the whole of Spanish society." And he added: "What for me are not constitutional principles like revenge." The president asked the conservative Popular Party for the same loyalty that, in 2017, the Socialist Party had with the then conservative Government of Mariano Rajoy. It is time to "look to the future and learn from the mistakes of the past, and that does not happen either through revenge but through coexistence," he added.

The Popular Party threatened to go to the Supreme Court if the Government approves the pardons to the independence prisoners with the opposition of the sentencing court and the Prosecutor's Office. And he warned that he will not support the renewal of the General Council of the Judiciary, whose renewal has been blocked for two years, if the Government approves the pardons. Such approval could take place in summer, as the Minister of Justice announced this Wednesday in Parliament. The intention of the Government, he said, is "to wait for the reports of the Supreme Court and study them one by one, to bring a proposal to the Council of Ministers."

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