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Rajoy accused Catalan Government of unjustified disloyalty

For its support of independence

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, took part Wednesday in the Forum 'The Spain needed', organized by the newspaper El Mundo. During his speech, he argued that Spain's future must be agile, innovative, dynamic and able to "anticipate change."

In his speech, the President of the Spanish Government referred to the situation in Catalonia, the "biggest challenge they have lived our constitutional order and the Spanish nation in decades." He said that there is no reason to "justify disloyalty and ongoing challenge that has been installed in a while authorities of the Government of Catalonia." Rajoy said that Spain is an example of decentralization, which has enabled Catalonia have the "higher level of self-government" in its history. He also recalled that "since the beginning of the legislature," the Government of Catalonia had trouble paying pharmacies deal with maturing debts or pay their staff payrolls.

"To prevent the system being of the citizens of Catalonia to sink," said Rajoy, Spain's Government launched various initiatives and, since 2012, "the State carries 49,000 million Euros provided through the various financial support mechanisms." The president said that despite "this loyal and supportive behavior", the Catalan Government "has devoted all his energy to deploy initiatives contrary to the coexistence and the Constitution."

In any case, Rajoy said that although "never before have had to employ" the "state also has sufficient mechanisms to address this situation." As regards the round of contacts made in recent days with the different political forces, the Prime Minister said "there is a basic consensus of almost all" on four pillars: the unity of Spain, sovereignty of Spanish people, the Spanish equality and respect for the law.

In this regard, he added that the best possible consensus is "ensuring our harmonious coexistence, protects our diversity and reflects the feelings of the vast majority of Spaniards" because, he said, "the only democracy worthy of the name is that which is based on respect for the law." Mariano Rajoy said that both "institutional or political uncertainty" as "a project of rupture of our constitutional order" are factors that work against economic growth and job creation.

In his opinion, the Spain of the future must become "a fully dynamic Spain agile, innovative, able to keep up and even anticipate change." Although in recent years the Spanish economy has made great progress in competitiveness and flexibility, still "not enough" and therefore "more ambition, more reformist zeal, more quality education, more presence in the world, it takes more facility to undertake all kinds of activities," he said.

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