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Rejected for the second time the investment of Mas as president of Catalonia

Philip VI guarantees the unity of Spain

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USPA NEWS - The regional Parliament of Catalonia again rejected Thursday the investment of independence candidate Artur Mas for a second term as president of the Catalan Government. Meanwhile, King Philip VI said "that no doubt the unity of Spain".

Despite the concessions offered Wednesday to the other anti-system party Cup, Artur Mas failed Thursday the simple majority he needed to be invested president to a second term. It was enough that two CUP deputies voted for his investiture and the other eight parliamentarians anti-system training to refrain but, as happened on Tuesday, Artur Mas only got 62 votes of his party - Junts pel Si - compared to 73 votes against by the opposition.

In the debate preceding the vote, Artur Mas remain president advocated for the independence project needs "continuity" in the first months, with a Government to carry forward what has been done so far for the independence of Catalonia. In exchange for his investment, again offered to submit to a confidence vote within ten months and then choose a new president of the Catalan Government, but it was not enough. However, the CUP left the door open for a future agreement and admitted who have approached positions after recent offers independence candidate.

Artur Mas held that there is "nothing new on the horizon, we are used" in connection with the suspension of the independence agreement approved Monday by the regional Parliament of Catalonia decreed by the Constitutional Court. He criticized the use by the Government of Spain the Constitutional Court and said "listen, negotiate and reach agreements" would be the best solution for the open conflict in Catalonia.

Meanwhile, the opposition criticized the discourse of independence candidate. Citizens spokeswoman, Ines Arrimadas, accused Artur Mas of endangering thousands of Catalan Government officials committed crimes if they obey the orders of the Government or the Parliament of Catalonia. For its part, the Socialist spokesman, Miguel Iceta, accused Mas of "auction the presidency" of the regional Government and the spokesman of the communist left in Catalonia reminded him that "there is no social reality for disengagement" from Spain.

Rajoy will not look the other way

The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, said Thursday that will not look "the other way" if the Catalan authorities disobey the Constitutional Court. However, he said that for now there are not reasons for taking other emergency measures. And King Philip VI ensured that "the Constitution shall prevail, that no doubt." The monarch said that the Spanish people "is not willing to put in question the unity which is the basis of their coexistence in peace and freedom." The King wanted to convey a message of "calmness and confidence" and warned that "it isn't time to return to the past but to reaffirm our will to a present and a future."

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