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USPA NEWS - Spain will hold legislative elections on November 10. After two days of consultations with the leaders of the political parties with parliamentary representation, King Felipe VI resigned on Tuesday to appoint a candidate for investiture as president of the Government, finding that the socialist candidate, Pedro SÁñchez, who won the previous elections, does not have enough support to be chosen.

It will be the fourth legislative elections in less than three years. With a very fragmented Parliament, a right divided into three formations with sometimes conflicting interests and a left also divided and confronted with each other, the possibilities of redirecting the political chaos that Spain is experiencing are nonexistent. The extreme left represented in the Podemos (We Can) coalition has stood firm in its claim to be part of the Government, also demanding some important ministries, while the Socialist Party has consistently refused the coalition government and rejected the integration of Podemos in the Cabinet. Thus, the Socialist Party has been unable to obtain the necessary support to reach the absolute majority.

In front with that divided left, the right has also not been able to join forces to present an alternative candidate. The demands of the extreme right represented in Vox are difficult to accept by the conservative Popular Party and the centrist Ciudadanos (Citizens). Requirements that refer to the denial of sexist violence, the rejection of illegal immigration and the reform of the State. The Popular Party, Citizens and Vox have signed governance agreements in some regions, but those agreements are not transferable to national politics.

This Tuesday, after consultations with political leaders, the Spanish Royal House issued a statement informing that the King resigns to appoint a candidate for President of the Government. Next Monday, when the legal deadline is met, the Parliament will be dissolved and the legislative elections will be called for Sunday, November 10. The surveys predict a similar result to the current one. Spain could be bound by chronic political instability.

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