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Rajoy calls for unity of Spain and offers the PP as a guarantee of legality

Act with conservative leaders

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, met Saturday in Toledo, 50 kilometers south of Madrid, and those responsible of the Popular Party, with whom he staged the unity of the Spanish conservatives.

In his speech to the Staff of the Popular Party, of which he is president, Rajoy called for unity of Spain against separatists who want to break with projects and defended the law. The President of the Spanish Government said that in Spain "the law is fulfilled, justice is independent and all are equal before the law, whoever they are," referring to the controversy sparked by the statement before the judge last Thursday of the President of the regional Government of Catalonia, Artur Mas, and the protests that took place outside the headquarters of the Superior Court of Catalonia.

Recalling the recent celebration of the National Day on October 12, attended by all regional presidents minus Catalonia, Basque Country and Navarre, Rajoy said that "the pride of belonging to a country is not anything." That pride of country is one of the ideas they convey the Spanish conservatives during the election campaign on December 20. In their statements, all the top regional leaders of the Popular Party both highlighted the "change" recorded in Spain during the last four years, when it has gone from a severe economic crisis to lead growth in the euro area, and the need to everyone feel proud of what they have done to get it.

But Rajoy warned that the final target has not yet been achieved and pledged to work to create 500,000 jobs each year over the next legislature. Nor it has reached the ultimate target of regenerating the Popular Party after the corruption cases discovered in the party. However, unlike the Socialist Party, which this week attracted to its ranks a former leader of the center-left Union, Progress and Democracy (UPyD in its acronym in Spanish), Rajoy said the Spanish conservatives "no attract to one to regenerate" the party. The changes will have to make alone, the Prime Minister promised.

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