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## Socialists and Conservatives signed the first covenant of State in Spain

### In this term against jihadist terrorism

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**USPA NEWS** - Socialists and Conservatives, through their leaders, the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, and the opposition leader, Pedro Sanchez, signed Monday in Madrid the first covenant State of the legislature, which only has a few months.

This is the 'Agreement to strengthen unity in defense of freedom and the fight against terrorism', a document that is intended to be able to add other political formations. Both formations have come to a meeting on terrorism, for the first time in this legislature. It is the eighth since the restoration of democracy in Spain in 1975, and is a document that will become law when approved by both chambers of the Spanish Parliament -the Congress and the Senate-, where the two main parties totaling 295 deputies -upon a total of 350- and 224 senators out of a total of 266. therefore, the procedure is ensured.

But that does not stop, according to officials of the government and the Socialist Party, want to add new supports. But the task is not easy because the two nationalist groups with parliamentary representation and conservative UPyD also have refused to sign the agreement because they had not been consulted. These parties do not rule out supporting the pact in its parliamentary process into law.

Finally, the agreement does not include the controversial "life imprisonment", but does not reject it, because it refers to the provisions in the Penal Code, which itself the "revisable permanent prison" is contemplated that, in practice, is a conviction lifetime. But the decision not to include in the agreement signed Monday by Mariano Rajoy and Pedro SÁnchez allows the socialists join the covenant, for the first time in the tenth legislature. A political time she hardly left him ten months. However, the intention of the signatories of the pact is that this agreement remains in subsequent legislatures, as it is a statement of intent on defending freedom against terrorism.

The agreement includes a regulation of the figure of "lone wolf" jihadist, the criminalization of terrorist financing and the criminalization of Internet dissemination of terrorist content or inciting to commit terrorist acts, as well as monitoring the Internet, to other measures. It is hinder movement of terrorists and to close its funding sources. In this sense, according to police sources, Spain has become the "bank" of jihadism, due to the lack of regulation of the activity of call centers and other businesses run by Muslims, where money is sent to the Islamic State and Al- Qaeda without leaving records of such shipments. The two criminal organizations in Spain have a bag of special support that the police can not control.

The bill that was recorded Tuesday at the Congress of Deputies following the signing of the agreement states that the terrorist actions "are the epitome of the new threats that international terrorism poses to open societies and seek to jeopardize the pillars on which the rule of law and the framework of coexistence of democracies around the world is sustained". It also recalls that "international jihadist terrorism is precisely characterized for incorporating these new forms of aggression, consisting of new instruments for collecting, training or indoctrination in hatred, to employ them cruelly against those who, in their extremist and violent ideology, they are qualified as enemies".

This terrorism, he adds, "is characterized by its focus on international expansion, through charismatic leaders who spread their messages and slogans over the Internet and especially through the use of social networks, making public a message of extreme cruelty that aims cause terror in the population or part of it and making a call to his followers around the world to discuss attacks", so considered necessary to address these threats aimed legal action.

In an official statement after the signing, the Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, said the pact is "a clear message" to terrorists and stressed the importance of the agreement because "those who believe in democracy and freedom have a conviction: the unit is necessary". He said the deal "gives Spain the best legal and operational tools" to defend the freedoms of "the greatest threat of our time". "What is born today," Rajoy said, "is a renewed determination to maintain unity unreserved Democrats against terrorism". In this regard, the Socialist leader, Pedro Sanchez, said that "consistency between what we say and what we do is a commitment to the citizens, and today the PSOE is freedom".

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