

# *Spanish Socialist Workers Party Calls on Podemos to Form Alternative Government*

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Madrid, January 14 (RHC)-- The leader of the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE), Pedro Sanchez, has appealed to Podemos to form an alternative government that will prevent the re-election of conservative Mariano Rajoy.

Sanchez said that the PSOE will work with young university professor Pablo Iglesias and his group Podemos. The anti-austerity group, which holds 69 seats, left itself out of a deal between the PSOE and Ciudadanos -- a center-right party -- to support the Socialist nominee to the position of house speaker, Patxi López. Madrid, January 14 (RHC)-- The leader of the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE), Pedro Sanchez, has appealed to Podemos to form an alternative government that will prevent the re-election of conservative Mariano Rajoy. The Popular Party (PP) conservatives, which gained 123 seats -- the most seats at the election -- had agreed not to put forward a candidate of their own, thus effectively joining the pact.

Podemos is displeased over the fact that the other parties have rejected its intention to split into four parliamentary groups,

rather than one. This petition is based on the fact that Podemos ran in the general election as itself but also in association with regional groups in Galicia, Catalonia and Valencia.

The highly fragmented political scenario that emerged from the election will require cross-party deals to break the gridlock. Otherwise Spain will be facing a new election this year.



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