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## Spanish Government extends the state of alarm until April 25

### It will not be the last extension

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Government will ask Parliament for a further extension of the state of alarm, this time until midnight on Saturday April 25. This was announced this Saturday by Prime Minister Pedro S  nchez in a telematic appearance during which he also warned that this extension of the state of alarm will not be the last, although he was willing to ease the conditions of the confinement of the Spanish if the evolution of the pandemic by COVID-19 allows it.

Spaniards must remain confined to their homes until at least midnight on Saturday, April 25. Confinement has been revealed as the best defense against the spread of the coronavirus and, since, despite the confirmed improvement in the number of infections and in the number of cures, we must not let our guard down, the Spanish Prime Minister, Pedro S  nchez, insisted. His government, he said, is already working on the economic and social recovery of Spain, as it begins to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and announced its willingness to reach great agreements with the opposition parties, in a new edition of the 'Pactos de la Moncloa'.

The name of 'Pactos de la Moncloa' emerged during the transition from dictatorship to democracy, in the late 1970s of the 20th century, when the then Prime Minister of Spain, Adolfo Su  rez, called all the political parties with representation parliamentary to agree with them the conditions that would allow the democratization of Spain. Those negotiations were a fundamental pillar of Spanish democratic consolidation and are frequently invoked to underline the importance of agreements between left and right for the common good of the Spanish.

Pedro S  nchez was willing this Saturday to seek consensus with the opposition parties so that Spain recovers after the coronavirus pandemic. In principle, it has the support of the conservative Popular Party and the centrist Ciudadanos, whose leaders, Pablo Casado and In  s Arrimadas, respectively, were satisfied with the extension of the state of alarm and reiterated their support for the measures that the Government takes to fight against the pandemic.

As usual, Pedro S  nchez did not reveal specific measures in his telematic appearance this Saturday. Yes, he warned that "unfortunately, by the end of April everything will not be over," assuming that the Government will request further extensions of the state of alarm. At the same time, he did not rule out a softening of the conditions of the confinement and revealed that, after Easter that begins this Sunday, economic activity will be reactivated and the companies that were forced to close in the last phase of the current confinement will be able to resume their activities.

He also did not rule out that the Government forces Spaniards to go out into the street with a mask and gloves, although this measure is conditional on the availability of masks for the entire population. In Spain, with figures from this Saturday, there are a total of 124,736 people infected with the coronavirus. Of these, 57,612 are hospitalized. Another 34,219 have recovered and 11,744 have died. Spain is at this time, after the United States, the second country with the highest number of infected, ahead of Italy and Germany. In this classification, it's highlights that China has disappeared from the ranking of the five countries with the highest number of infected people.

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