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Rajoy promises to Brussels new adjustments while in Spain denies more cuts

The opposition accuses him of lying

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USPA NEWS - A private letter from the acting president of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, to the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, has brought a new exchange of accusations between the Government and the opposition.

In the letter, which met on Sunday, Rajoy promised the European Commission to implement a new round of budget adjustments if he wins the elections on June 26. The opposition accuses him of lying because, in Spain, Rajoy insists his public appearances that further cuts are not necessary and promises, unlike the Socialist candidate, lower taxes if elected. In this sense, he said Monday the acting Minister of Home Affairs, Jorge Fernandez Diaz, who told TVE public television admitted that "must continue making some adjustments" to meet the deficit target. However, he warned that these adjustments will make any Government that is formed after the elections on June 26.

Amid the controversy, the secretary general of the Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez, announced this weekend that, if elected, will implement a "solidarity tax" to pay pensions. The Socialist candidate criticized the "piggy bank pension" -the money saved to meet the pensions of the future- has been halved during the conservative Popular Party Government, and argued that the only way to ensure the payment of pensions for retirees is raise taxes.

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