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## Europe returns to warn that if Catalonia becomes independent stay outside the EU

### Rajoy believes in common sense

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is "absolutely convinced" that in the end, in Catalonia "common sense" will prevail and there will be talk of independence. Rajoy said in this regard the same day that the European Commission again warned that if Catalonia becomes independent left out of EU.

The European Commission reiterated that Catalonia would leave the EU if it became independent from Spain, a position he said the EU executive, he has held since 2004. Ten days after the regional elections in Catalonia, which the separatists interpreted as a plebiscite, Europe again position regarding the sovereignty debate in Spain. EU Executive's words were greeted by Rajoy, who said that "enough simply to read the Treaties" to find out what would happen if Catalonia becomes independent.

A report by the Alternatives Foundation stated on Thursday that an independent Catalonia would automatically be outside the EU, the ECB, the IMF, NATO and the G20, among other international institutions. And he warned that the reinstatement of Catalonia in the EU would be impossible, under the EU Treaties. Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union considered sine qua non of membership of the European Union on absolute respect for the borders of all EU member countries and submission to EU laws. And the independence of Catalonia would violate those two provisions, to break the integrity of a Member State and to infringe Article 49 of the European Constitution.

That violation would prevent Catalonia was a member of the EU. It also notes the Alternatives Foundation, the Catalans lose the diplomatic protection of Spain in international organizations, to stop being Spanish, and could not use the Euro as currency. Despite these warnings, the candidate Together for Yes -training who heads the sovereigntist project in Catalonia-, Raul Romeva, said Thursday that independence apply the democratic mandate of the voters in the elections of September 27 "without fear" the consequences.

Meanwhile, the number 2 of the sovereigntist candidate, Carme Forcadell, responded to US President Barack Obama, who expressed his support for a "strong and united" Spain, the independence also want a strong and united Spain, " but Catalonia." And in the midst of the debate, the candidate of the Popular Party (PP), which supports the Government of Mariano Rajoy, Xavier García Albiol, called for a greater presence of Spanish in Catalonia to promote Spanish symbols, and accused the President of the regional Government of Catalonia Artur Mas, to be causing "catalanofobia" in the rest of Spain.

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