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When reach 40 years of their accession

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USPA NEWS - Spain will organize the annual NATO Summit in 2022, as agreed on Monday by the Heads of State and Government of the Alliance member countries meeting in Brussels. It was the only concession to Spain, a country that feels ignored by the United States due to erratic politics, focused on the short term and subordinate to the personal interests of the President of the Spanish Government, the socialist Pedro Sánchez. The president is the main responsible for the continuous and progressive loss of support suffered by the Spanish socialists.

It will be the second time that Spain hosts the annual NATO Summit. The first was in 1997 and in it, the allies "were able to demonstrate cohesion but, above all, a vision of the future to face the new strategic scenario that was opening up after the fall of the Berlin Wall," explained Pedro Sánchez. "I would like to bring that spirit of Madrid to the next Summit so that we are able to illuminate a new Strategic Concept that will serve as a guide for the years to come," added the President of the Spanish Government.

The celebration of the NATO Summit in Madrid next year will coincide with the 40th anniversary of Spain's accession to the Atlantic Alliance. Spain's commitment to NATO is manifested in the fact that this country participates in most of the organization's missions, and it does so with 902 troops. The Spanish Armed Forces, with 144,457 people (124,457 military and 20,000 civilians), are the seventh in number of troops among the member countries of the Alliance.

Meeting with President Biden

Pedro Sánchez met in Brussels with the president of the United States, Joe Biden. They were seen walking together through the corridors of NATO headquarters. They were 29 seconds of walk that, according to Sánchez, were extraordinarily fruitful. The President of the Spanish Government assured journalists that, in that half a minute, he had time to comment with President Biden on Spain's interest in strengthening military ties between the two countries, which are part of the 1988 Bilateral Defense Pact. He said Sánchez and Biden spoke of the situation in Latin America as a consequence of the pandemic, and of their concern about the migratory situation and forced displacement in Central America and Mexico. The President of the Spanish Government congratulated President Biden for his "progressive agenda," especially in the fight against climate change and on social policy issues, issues in which Sánchez stressed that both "progressive governments" have an affinity.

According to the Spanish press, it is highly unlikely that 29 seconds of walking would be enough for a conversation with so many issues to discuss. Spanish analysts pointed out this Tuesday that Pedro Sánchez "was looking for the photo" with Biden, by whom he felt ignored. A photo that already looks in the presidential office of the Moncloa Palace, in Madrid. According to the President of the Spanish Government, he and Biden agreed to continue collaborating together on various matters.

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