

# *Catalonia Parties Agree to Form Regional Government*

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Barcelona, January 11 (RHC)-- In Spain, Catalonia's pro-separation parties have reached an agreement to form a regional government and avoid new elections. "Together for Yes and CUP [Popular Unity Candidacy] have reached an agreement to form a government and not go to elections," a source in the regional government said Saturday.

Prior to this announcement, the Spanish region had been unable to form a government due to disagreements between the pro-independence parties which won the majority in parliamentary polls last September.

The Junts pel Si (Together for Yes) party won 62 seats in the 135-seat regional parliament. However, it needed to secure the CUP's ten seats to create a workable majority, and further push the independence effort.

Polls show that most Catalans support a referendum on independence, but are divided over breaking from Spain.

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