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Down the conservative Government of Portugal

Socialist Costa will Prime Minister

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USPA NEWS - The shortest Government in 40 years of democracy in Portugal, chaired by the conservative Pedro Passos Coelho, fell victim Tuesday four censure motions of the left parties. He has ruled only eleven days.

It was something announced that following the recent legislative elections, won without majority by the conservative PSD-CDS of Pedro Passos Coelho, the Government would have a short tenure. The left parties - the Socialist of Antonio Costa, the Communist Party and the Greens - were willing to form a coalition to topple the Government, whose own ministers were already warned that they would have a very short term, and they confirmed Tuesday in Parliament of Lisbon. They filed four motions of censure against the Government, although resulting in 123 votes for the resignation of the Government, compared to 107 of the PSD-CDS was just voted.

The new Prime Minister will be, in all probability, the socialist Antonio Costa. "The most negative collapses today the Government is subject to the commitments of Parliament; which vote down the Government today it has no legitimacy to claim or patriotism after Europeanism," said outgoing Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho. His vice president was on the debate by describing the agreement between the leftist parties of "gibberish, drunk measures to reconcile the irreconcilable, because not even been able to present a single camera motion of censure."

Costa criticized the Government for its "submissive attitude to the European Union" and said it had been "a Government that reflects the will of change of the Portuguese". About the Government program will propose, if ordered by the President of the Republic, he announced that "present a coherent, credible program stable over the legislature conditions. We met what the PSD was not able to: Form an Alternative majority support a minority Government." He also wanted to reassure European partners, saying that his program will focus on the "consolidation of public finances", which is achieved by economic agreements with Brussels.

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