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## EU determination to cooperate with the countries of the African Union

### According to the Spanish President

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**USPA NEWS** - At the end of the European Council and during a brief meeting with the media, the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, recalled that Spain has always advocated cooperation with African countries in order to "improve their standard of living to that people can live in dignity" in their country.

Also it advanced that it is creating a trust fund to help these countries. According to Rajoy, the European Council had focused mainly on immigration crisis in Europe at the moment, an issue on which there have been "some positive steps" and that will be reflected in the forthcoming European Union-African Union of Malta. The Spanish Prime Minister said they have set three criteria. First, the "will sign for the EU to cooperate with the countries of the African Union."

According to Rajoy, that "is very positive" because "while there are people who can not live with dignity in their country obviously going to try to go to other countries." Therefore, the solution is to "cooperate with the countries of Africa and try to improve their living standards." Second, Rajoy added, it has decided to "work together with African countries wishing to do so to keep their borders" and avoid being trafficked humans. Finally, it will try to reach agreements "to repatriate those who, used by gangs, to move from their countries to the rest of Europe."

The Spanish Prime Minister also advanced they are creating a trust fund "to have sufficient resources to help these countries to try to raise their standard of living and to end the dramatic and terrible shows that we are seeing in the Mediterranean and for some years." As regards the situation in Turkey, Rajoy said that "it is important that the EU helps" to the country, as more than two million refugees have arrived there are "generating many difficulties" because of "practical impossibility to meet so many people fleeing Syria." However, he clarified that still not stated any monetary amount.

As the conflict in Libya, Rajoy stressed that the EU hopes that soon "a government with which we can talk and with which the country can function to form." With regard to Syria, he noted the need to "normalize the situation in that country." Also remember that "the great enemy is DAESH", adding that it is necessary to "form a representative government as possible," but "should not be led, as a final solution, Bashar al-Assad."

The Spanish Prime Minister said the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, made a first appearance at the European Council to report on the news about the "referendum which aims to celebrate in their country." Cameron said, among other things, that "he would like to keep the UK in the EU." Another topic discussed also European leaders in Brussels was the Summit on Climate Change which starts on November 30 in Paris.

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