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## The Spanish Government crisis is settled with the change of a minister

In the controversial Department of Educa

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**USPA NEWS** - Finally, the announced government crisis in Spain was reduced on Thursday instead of a single minister in the Cabinet. That itself was controversial at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, and five months before the November elections.

At night, from Brussels, where he is participating in the European Council, and in a statement, the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, announced Thursday an end to their request the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, Jose Ignacio Wert, and appointment to the post of Secretary of State for the European Union, Inigo Mendez de Vigo. After announcing changes in the Government and the People's Party (PP), of which he is president, the head of the Spanish Government made the changes announced in conservative formation and reduced the prospects of a government crisis.

As he said, finally the change affects only a ministry and is produced, according to Rajoy, upon request of the outgoing minister. Jose Ignacio Wert, until now Minister of Education, Culture and Sport, has been one of the most controversial Cabinet ministers. Head of the Organic Law of Educational Quality Improvement (LOMCE its acronym in Spanish) and the establishment of a minimum qualification for access to scholarships, which in practice has become a cut in economic aid to the study, Wert has been criticized by teachers, parents and students.

His resignation comes at his own request and five months before the legislative election next November. To replace, Rajoy has so far appointed Secretary of State for the European Union, Inigo Mendez de Vigo. The new minister, whose appointment was communicated to King Philip VI on Thursday afternoon, has spent his entire political career at the community level. He has been chairman of the board of the College of Bruges and MEP since the time of Felipe Gonzalez. Since the Eurochamber was president of the European Parliament delegation that participated in the drafting of the Treaty of Lisbon.

As a minister, Mendez de Vigo has the challenge of applying the LOMCE and calm down regarding scholarships. And what should be done in record time, since there are only five months and one summer through the end of the legislature. His appointment follows the trail of the past that has made Mariano Rajoy. The president is reluctant to provoke a Government crisis and makes small changes periodically. Last December 2 replaced the Minister of Health and before the ministers of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and Justice.

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