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WORK

The Government will reposition Peruvian workers in other jobs in the sector

Espot is betting on a change in the contractual modality following the case of these workers

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This was indicated by the Minister of the Presidency, Economy, Work and Housing, Conxita Marsol, in the context of the celebration of Sant Jordi's day, in Plaça del Poble of Andorra la Vella, who asserted that "the companies that they do these bad practices discredit the country, as well as the rest of the business fabric of the Principality". In addition, she assured that the Ministry will be in charge of replacing the fired Peruvian workers in other jobs in the sector, explaining that «ex officio inspections have been carried out» in order to find a solution. However, the holder of the Labor portfolio was totally in favor of offering different alternatives to these



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workers «for a season». At the end, she also stated that until now, in the portfolio she directs «we have no record of these dismissals having taken place».

On the other hand, the Head of Government, Xavier Espot, stated that all the parties involved in the case of the abandoned Peruvian workers must continue to be investigated and, if necessary, the company in question should be sanctioned if the dismissal of nearly 25 workers for reporting the situation of abandonment. «We have no news about the dismissal of these workers, but obviously if the dismissal is based on eventual reprisals, this company will certainly have to be duly sanctioned», he declared. In addition, Espot stated that if the facts «are like this», the situation that overexposes is that «we have a problem with these types of companies and contracts, and therefore what we have to do is take the bull by the horns and put an end to this contractual modality, as it would represent a success».

This is how the serious situation with the abandoned workers, and which still has a queue, has highlighted the effectiveness of measures to hire non-EU workers, a statement that the head of government took advantage of to vindicate the narrow position of the executive to the law and the rules, because «we cannot go beyond what the law allows us. From here, I can state that many sanctioning proceedings have been initiated, as well as sanctions», explained the president. Even so, he also stated that apart from the speed with which these files have been processed, what the situation indicates is that «there is a fundamental



The head of government, Xavier Espot, during the Sant Jordi day celebration

problem that cannot be solved only through inspections and the sanctions». For this reason, the head of government appealed to «a legal amendment», which he defended that «we have promoted and will continue to promote this proposal», since these irregularities are not acceptable «from a legal perspective or from the perspective of people's dignity».

However, the press's knowledge of the dismissal of between 20 and 25 Peruvian workers as a possible reprisal for reporting the case of abandonment, currently maintains

POLITICS

Rumors of a possible clash of ideals between the members of the Democrats

Even so, Espot assures that the political formation maintains a «legitimate and positive» internal debate

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The rumors about possible discrepancies between the members of the Democrats for Andorra party focused the intervention of the head of government, Xavier Espot, in the framework of the programming of the celebration of Sant Jordi's day in the capital. When asked about a possible confrontation of ideals between some members of the political formation, Espot stated that, in evidence, there is a «legitimate and very positive» debate within the party, but that this does not represent internal discord: «There is a difference of opinion everywhere. It

is clear that there are different sensitivities, as there are people who are more conservative, more liberal, more progressive or more social democratic.»

In addition, the president emphasized that «there is no uproar in our house», referring to the echo that has generated the possible internal conflict in current Andorra, emphasizing the fact that, when they propose «measures that touch the bone of the economic and social structure of the country», it is normal for a debate to be generated. An explanation to which the president wanted to add that «this should not be interpreted as something negative, because this shows plura-



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Finally, in the context of possible dissonance within the party, Espot emphasized the diversity of opinions, underlining that «if you want something, you have to get your hands dirty and it is very difficult to try to attack a serious problem without touching decisive economic interests», referring to the current situation that Andorra is going through in trying to «account for sustainable growth and the right to housing». Even so, the head of government added that a debate has been held regarding the new draft law promoted by the government and that some of the measures it includes «are not shared».

A fact that Espot defended by valuing the work of the Executive based on constructive internal debates: «We all support the essence of the measures although we will have to outline and modulate them», he indicated, stressing that the essence of the measures «is positive and we share it». However, he wanted to send a message to the public, who «can be legitimately concerned about legal security and the right to property», which is why the measures of the Draft Law will be accompanied by «some caution, some safeguards and guarantees» that reassure part of the country's citizens. ●



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the difficult situation suffered by many workers of this nationality hired irregularly in our country, being one of the problems that have worsened the most in recent months. ●

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