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Greece expresses its deep regret to creditors

Europe claimed resignation of Varoufakis

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USPA NEWS - No one, except perhaps the Prime Minister himself, Alexis Tsipras, had been able to anticipate in the days before the referendum in Greece the outright rejection of the Greek bailout supply. But Europe dies killing and, despite his defeat, has claimed its first victim: the Greek Minister of Economy.

Previous surveys were talking about a tie between supporters of the "yes" to Europe and the advocates of "no". Again, they were wrong. Almost 20 points leaves no room for doubt: the rejection of the Greeks to the proposals of the Troika -the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund- won with a 63.31% of the vote in a day with a 62.5% share. Similar to that recorded in the last legislative election participation. But the government of Alexis Tsipras won Sunday a much more support than that achieved in those elections.

The challenge is now the Prime Minister keep his promise to reach an agreement with creditors within 48 hours, something that seems impossible because the Eurogroup will meet on Tuesday and no decision will be made before the meeting. Today, the eyes of the Greeks are heading the European Central Bank. It determines that the Hellenes banks to open on Tuesday and everything seems to indicate that approve emergency aid to avoid defaulting on basic services and the collapse of the Greek financial system.

But the referendum result is interpreted differently within and outside Greece. To their electors, Prime Minister Tsipras said on Sunday night that had strengthened the position of his Government in negotiating with creditors. From the rest of Europe, however, it insists that the rejection of the demands of the Troika not necessarily strengthens Greece. And Europe has been quick to prove it.

The same Sunday night, from the European Commission talks about the "convenience" of negotiations without the Greek Economy Minister Yanis Varoufakis, and this Monday morning he announced his resignation to help in the negotiations suggested. On its website, under the title 'Minister no more!', Varoufakis said: "I consider it my duty to help Alexis Tsipras exploit, as he sees fit, the capital that the Greek people granted us through yesterday's referendum". The man who has attracted all rejections of creditors stated that "I shall wear the creditors' loathing with pride". "Like all struggles for democratic rights, this historic refusal of the ultimatum made on June 25 by the Eurogroup it comes with a large associated cost," he added.

In his view, Sunday's referendum "will go down in history as a unique moment when a small European nation rose against slavery of debt." He warned that with his departure does not end the struggle of the Greek people: "The superhuman effort to honour the brave people of Greece, and the famous OXI (NO) that they granted to democrats the world over, is just beginning," he said.

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