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## News from Italian political stalemate

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Popular concern about what is happening to Italian politics after two months since the general election is contained in the words of Deputy Vatican Secretary of State Msgr Angelo Becciu who said on Thursday that is necessary to "pray more" for Italian President Sergio Mattarella as he seeks a way out of Italy's post-election stalemate . "Our wish is simple: let's hope and wish that a solution is found soon"

ANSA reported. President Sergio Mattarella will hold a fresh round of political consultations lasting just one day on next Monday to see if the parties can offer a way to break Italy's post-election political impasse, sources said. Italians are waiting for the best solution for the country as soon as possible. A proposal to form a government between the centre-left Democratic party (PD) and the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement (M5S) is "over" and there is now the risk of another general election . Saying the M5S bid was a "closed chapter", Martina said centre-left Democratic party spoke a lot about M5S but the real issue was PD role and function even when the party is in a minority.

"For me it was not to condemn ourselves to irrelevance and to pick up the challenge. It was a riskier hypothesis but I imagined it as far as I could with that ambition. Now the fact is the risk of a snap vote" Martina declared according to ANSA the Italian Press Agency.

It is "impossible" for the PD to accept a government led by the centre right. A government led by the anti-migrant Euroskeptic League is "even more impossible" to accept.

Martina told that the centre-left party "can't get by with tactics and trials of strength" in its critical political situation and after its general election debacle. "We can't get by just with some tactical moves", he told a PD split between loyalists and critics of former leader Matteo Renzi.

"It's not a question of going back not going beyond, but to reprogramme to restart," declared Martina, who has clashed with Renzi after the latter stopped government-formation talks with the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement (M5S). PD needs a clear rethink of being together, and members have to take decisions after listening to one another and having talks with the desire to build an organized reaction, not only with trials of strength. The Party needs an immediate change of pace and more collegiality, otherwise it risks irrelevance.

The PD must go to President Sergio Mattarella's fresh consultations Monday with a "constructive spirit", Martina said.

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Sources loyal to ex-leader Matteo Renzi said they agreed with Martina's appeal for renewed confidence until a PD assembly and his shutting down from any government offer with the M5S or the League. Dialogue with the 5-Star Movement has been closed off and now the Democratic party must find unity behind Martina, Culture Minister and PD key player Dario Franceschini told the party. He called on the PD to place its confidence in Martina and give him a full mandate to handle government-formation consultations with President Sergio Mattarella. In the end, the directorate of the party unanimously approved Martina's report. Till now no prospect of a government majority has emerged.

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