SPANISH NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

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NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE SANHEDRINS OF THE CONTRACTOR

How to turn five millennia of Iberian tragicomedy into a thoroughly disinfected residents' association

Spain, that immense tavern with delusions of being a basilica, finds itself once again on the brink of the precipice. And naturally, when the precipice looms, the respectable Castilian does not look for a poet or a philosopher: he looks for a solicitor in sleeve protectors with an accounting ledger.

Here we are presented with the map to the Secular Treasure. Two hundred and forty-nine redemptive verses drafted in that neutral, skimmed-milk syntax smelling of a tax advisor's fitted carpet that characterises saviours of the fatherland in silk ties. We are promised a country where borders will have moral temperature sensors, bureaucracy will apologise for existing, and taxes will be refunded with the punctuality of the sundial. Rejoice! The Iberian chimera is no longer Don Quixote charging at windmills, but Don Quixote submitting a self-declaration form at the one-stop administrative shop.

Here is the point-by-point dissection, without anaesthetic, of the Great Conservative Prayer:

01. FIXING THE STATE

Or how to fatten the ox whilst swearing it is being put on a diet

The State is that monster everyone detests until their garage floods. We are assured that it is bloated where it gets in the way and lean where it matters. The solution is impeccable: to reduce bureaucracy, fourteen oversight agencies, eight committees of wise men beyond reproach, and three national registries of virtue will be invented.

1. **Within a hundred days, Spaniards will know everything.** Every last cent spent on paperclips and printer paper will be audited. One hundred and fifty auditors will be paid three million euros to conclude that two and a half million were missing. The mystery of fiscal faith will be solved: we were poor because we spent on sticking plasters beyond our means.
2. **Public services and essential infrastructure will come first.** Nothing will be promised that cannot be paid for, unless there is a shortage of money, in which

case it will be the fault of the outgoing Government's inertia. Absolute priority to maintenance: patching up old cracks before opening new potholes.

3. **We will reduce the political structure.** Three ministries die and five high interministerial commissions are born. Temporary *chiringuitos* (pet-project quangos) will be liquidated by slapping an expiry date on them, which will guarantee that on the eve of their demise they approve their own extension by acclamation.

4. **We will leave a better country, not a bigger bill.** Governing does not give one the right to spend tomorrow's money, unless demanded by European stability or an inescapable commitment to the Ibex 35.

5. **No expenditure will be renewed out of inertia.** Every year the budget will be scrutinised with magnifying glasses imported from Zurich. Any programme that fails to yield spiritual dividends will lose its birdseed.

6. **The State will have the civil servants it needs.** Half of the General State Administration will be retired off and the other half replaced by Artificial Intelligence trained to say *"come back tomorrow"* in three milliseconds.

7. **To pass one new regulation, we will scrap three existing ones.** Fantastic parliamentary arithmetic. If we pass the Land Act, we will repeal the Chub Fishing Act, the Stagecoach Regulations, and the 1894 Ordinance on the Sale of Tigernuts.

8. **The Administration will trust the citizen.** You will be able to open a nuclear power station via a self-declaration form. If it later turns out you didn't have a permit, the Administration will prosecute you with sadness, yet with utmost politeness.

9. **The citizen will be attended to and will decide how.** Prior appointment to book the prior appointment. The 24-hour digital service will answer your agonising queries with a chatbot named Pepe that will suggest restarting your router.

10. **What is owed to you will be recognised *ex officio*.** If the State knows you are poor, it will deposit your benefit without you asking. And if it doesn't deposit it, it will be because the AI detected that you bought a Christmas lottery ticket and broke the vulnerability profile.

11. **The Administration will meet its deadlines just as we all do.** That is to say: badly, late, and with a sick note.

12. **No subsidy will be extended without proving results.** No more manna from heaven for avant-garde theatre associations and the cultivation of cosmic lettuce. The dosh will go only to those who certify a patriotic yield measurable in tonnes.

13. **We will restore normality in Ceuta and secure its future.** Express deportation of anyone who swims in, and the construction of a single military base overlooking the Mediterranean so that sovereignty doesn't catch a chill.

14. **We will defend the Spanishness of Ceuta and Melilla with backing and resources.** Planning laws will be adapted so that both cities grow upwards if growing sideways annoys the neighbour to the south.

15. **We will audit where the General State Administration has vanished to.** Special attention to the Basque Country, Navarre, and Catalonia, where it is suspected that the state flag has become so transparent it borders on a secular miracle.

16. **The General State Administration will exercise its powers across all of Spain.** The Autonomous Communities will still have their regional president, their minister, and their brass band, but Madrid will hold the telephone wire.

17. **We will defend the unity of Spain and the constitutional order.** The crime of sedition returns in a modern typeface, alongside the crime of even thinking about a referendum, were it only to choose the local fiesta poster.

18. **We will armour-plate the unity of the Tax Agency and the single treasury.** Whatever the taxman collects in Cadaqués will go towards tarmacking a lane in Badajoz, after deducting the postage costs of the seizure notice.

19. **Organised crime will not run riot.** Ground-penetrating radar to catch narco-tunnels and night drones in the Strait of Gibraltar. If the drug trafficker flees in a speedboat, he will be pursued with the full firmness of administrative law.

20. **Repeat offending will face a swifter criminal response.** Stealing three wallets on the Metro will no longer be a recognised liberal profession: it will be prosecuted via fast-track trials so that the pickpocket is back on the streets before lunchtime, albeit with a steeper fine.

21. **We will toughen the response to violent riots.** Burning a wheelie bin will cost an arm and a leg, and demonstrating with a covered face will be deemed high treason against urban aesthetics.

22. **Concealing one's face to commit violent acts will aggravate criminal liability.** If you throw a stone wearing a balaclava, the stone will weigh twice as much in the eyes of the Supreme Court.
23. **Organising violence will carry greater consequences.** Conspiring on WhatsApp to block a street will be punished as if it were the Siege of Saguntum.
24. **Vandalising public space cannot be cost-free.** Minimum fine of 3,000 euros for anyone painting graffiti, unless the drawing is an allegory of the 1978 Constitution.
25. **Guardians will form part of the response when minors are involved.** If the kiddie sets fire to a litter bin, Dad will have his plasma TV repossessed for negligence in the custody of fire.
26. **We will prevent gangs from using minors to commit crimes.** A neat little reform to the Juvenile Act so the lad with a flick-knife spends a reflective little spell in a secure centre with algebra and citizenship lessons.
27. **We will restore peace and quiet to neighbourhoods.** CCTV even in public wash-houses and immediate eviction of the crack den so that the lady on the fifth floor can go back to watching her soap opera in peace.
28. **Women will not be left unprotected by administrative chaos.** Restraining-order ankle tags will fall under the Ministry of the Interior, ensuring that if the battery dies, it is the supplier company's fault and not the fatherland's.
29. **Women and girls will be protected against human trafficking.** Uniform criteria at borders to prevent imported feudal barbarities.
30. **We will expand reviewable permanent imprisonment.** For the murderer who hides the body and the repeat rapist: an infinite stay in the nick until republican mercy decides otherwise.
31. **Genuine legal protection for officers acting legitimately.** Any police officer who subdues a yob will be presumed to possess operational sainthood from minute one.
32. **Hazardous occupation status for National Police and Civil Guards.** Pay rise, better allowances, and an on-call psychologist to help them digest the criminal's ingratitude.
33. **We will create posts for judges, prosecutors, court clerks, and civil servants.** Competitive civil service exams galore so that a court file takes four years to be tried instead of seven.

34. **A more agile and specialised criminal justice system.** The National High Court against drug cartels and the village magistrate's court against Bizum mobile-payment scams.

35. **There will be a single authority for all migration policy.** A Supreme Command of the Residence Permit that will calculate to the millimetre how many migrants the economy needs without it being noticeable on the bus.

36. **The southern border will have more officers and Armed Forces support.** Frigates, satellites, and the Civil Guard swimming off the breakwater to certify that the Mediterranean remains a moat with a view.

37. **Those who enter irregularly will be identified within seven days.** Within a week we will know who they are, where they come from, and what they think of national sovereignty, so we can send them back on a one-way ticket.

38. **Asylum will work for those who truly need protection.** If you prove you are being chased by a dragon, you get your papers. If you are being chased by hunger, please queue at the labour-quota window.

39. **Illegal immigration will not be profitable.** Pursuing the wooden dinghy at origin and punishing the clandestine boss who gives out cash-in-hand work so he doesn't undercut the building trade.

40. **Only the legal route of entry into Spain will operate.** Points-based visas just like a driving licence. If you speak Spanish, hold a Master's in bricklaying, and don't complain, welcome to the Fatherland.

41. **Immigration will be adjusted to real reception capacity.** Annual quotas calculated according to the need for plumbers and the availability of sofa beds.

42. **We will ban mass regularisations by law.** Registering on the municipal *padrón* will no longer entitle anyone to financial handouts unless there is a plague or a fire.

43. **Residing in Spain will require a commitment to integration.** Burqas banned on public thoroughfares, mandatory signing of a form swearing love for the Constitution, and learning to tell acorn-fed Ibérico ham apart from the rest.

44. **Anyone who commits a crime will be expelled from Spain.** Whoever steals twice or causes a ruckus goes straight back to their country of origin without passing Go.

45. **Deportation orders will be enforced.** If the country of origin does not want its countrymen back, it will be stripped of development aid and visas for its diplomats.

46. **We will promote the return of minors to their families.** Age determination within 72 hours via X-rays or whatever the prosecutor says, to stop bearded thirty-year-olds from passing themselves off as schoolboys.

47. **Safety will be at the heart of public policy.** Audits of dams, bridges, and railway tracks so that catastrophe catches us shriven, yet with maintenance up to date.

48. **We will strengthen prevention above political dogmas.** Clearing riverbeds and scrubland without ecological fuss. If a tree gets in the water's way, the tree becomes patriotic firewood.

49. **Central government will act from the very first moment, without waiting to be asked.** Single emergency command so nobody has to send a registered fax between autonomous regions whilst the flash flood reaches the first floor.

50. **We will reinforce resources and preparedness.** More firefighting aircraft and a registry of companies with diggers ready for national deployment.

51. **Aid will arrive in time to rebuild.** Disaster victims get the cash first and the Tax Agency audits them afterwards.

52. **We will make defence commitments transparent.** We will spend 2% of GDP on tanks so NATO doesn't give us dirty looks at gala dinners.

53. **More military personnel, better trained and with renewed equipment.** Soldiering will become a hazardous occupation and will come with a career plan that doesn't end at 45 selling insurance.

54. **We will defend all our territory alongside our allies.** Ceuta and Melilla tucked under the Atlantic Treaty umbrella just in case the neighbour fancies a peaceful stroll.

55. **The defence industry will create jobs.** We will manufacture our own drones and ammunition so we don't have to borrow bullets from our allies.

02. REGENERATING DEMOCRACY

(Or the rules of the game drafted by the team that intends to win the league)

Spanish democracy has withstood the assault of the barbarians in the Executive. Now it is time to put padlocks on the doors. Power will have limits, though curiously those limits will activate the exact moment the opposition takes charge.

THE TRENCH OF INSTITUTIONAL VIRTUE

Constitutional Court —► Purged of ex-politicians (from the other side)

State Prosecutor General —► Cut loose from the governmental umbilical cord

56. **We will tighten oversight of postal voting.** The ballot envelope will have more tracking than an Amazon parcel to avoid surprises during the count in small villages.
57. **Those convicted of terrorism will have no place in institutions.** Neither on the municipal list nor in the town council. If they pulled the trigger, they will never set foot on public fitted carpet again.
58. **Decisions of the Electoral Commission will be enforced.** The Central Electoral Board will have its own agents to tear down untimely banners during the day of reflection.
59. **The equality of Spaniards will not be the price of an investiture.** Forbidden to hand over the tax coffers or the running of the trains in exchange for four votes from a parish-pump party.
60. **Impunity will not be a bargaining chip.** Goodbye to amnesty, and a ban on pardons for the corrupt, armchair coup-plotters, and domestic abusers.
61. **We will reform parliamentary immunity and review *aforamientos* (special legal protections).** An MP's parliamentary privilege will once again be for speaking from the rostrum, not for dodging speed cameras on the motorway.
62. **No governing pact will be hidden.** Total transparency: if a deal is signed with the devil, the signed paper will be uploaded as a PDF to the institutional website.
63. **The handover of power will have substance, deadlines, and accountable officials.** The outgoing minister will hand over the desk keys with an inventory of debts so there are no nasty surprises swept under the rug.
64. **The Leader of the Opposition will have an institutional statute.** The Prime Minister will ring him up once a month to tell him state secrets that have already been published in the press.
65. **Two budget extensions will trigger an automatic general election.** If the accounts aren't passed because the minority coalition partner's blackmail is missing, back to the ballot box to vote all over again.

66. **The Senate will also scrutinise how every budget is spent.** The upper house, that tranquil retirement home for dignitaries, will wake up from its siesta to look at Europe's figures.

67. **The independence of the Constitutional Court is a priority.** You are barred from serving as a magistrate if you have been a government minister in the past five years. The judicial robe will once again be as pure as the snow on the Guadarrama mountains.

68. **Constitutional justice must arrive on time.** Lawsuits resolved within ninety days so the ruling doesn't arrive when the repealed law is already sporting grey hairs.

69. **The Constitutional Court will not act as a second court of appeal over the Supreme Court.** Each to their own patch: the Supreme Court interprets the law and the Constitutional Court checks whether the sheet of paper has the right ink stamp.

70. **The State Prosecutor General will not depend on the Government.** A five-year term so the prosecutor can look the Prime Minister in the eye and say *"that's just not on"*.

71. **The impartiality of the Public Prosecution Service will protect every prosecutor.** Orders from above will come in writing on stamped official paper so nobody can claim they got a midnight phone call.

72. **Judges will elect judges.** Twelve members of the General Council of the Judiciary voted in by their fellow robe-wearers, putting an end to party-political horse-trading in the Parliamentary tearoom.

73. **We will protect the independence of judges.** Magistrates may not be summoned to testify before parliamentary committees of the political circus.

74. **The State Attorney's Office will not defend private interests.** The public lawyer will defend the Nation, not the wounded honour of a minister's wife.

75. **We will re-found the CIS (Centre for Sociological Research).** Scientific management so that opinion polls stop looking like self-fulfilling prophecies drafted by a fairground fortune-teller.

76. **We will initiate the reform of RTVE and EFE.** Plural and independent public media, which means the evening news will either please everyone or please no one at all.

77. **We will guarantee freedom of the press.** No more doling out state advertising to friendly newspapers or punishing lippy digital outlets.
78. **Statistics will tell the truth.** The president of the National Statistics Institute cannot be sacked simply because the unemployment figure displeases the press office.
79. **The Council of State will serve the State.** A president with no party membership card in his pocket for the past five years.
80. **The Court of Auditors will audit in a timely manner.** Auditing today what was spent yesterday, rather than auditing pandemic face masks in 2030.
81. **Regulators will be independent.** The Bank of Spain, CNMC, and CNMV run by grey-bearded technocrats with no past on electoral lists.
82. **The corrupt will pay back what they stole.** Sentences for embezzlement are restored to their proper place, and the crook will have to pawn his detached villa to pay the fine.
83. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Space reserved for the rabbit the magician will pull out of his top hat during the televised debate].

84. **Not a single public euro will escape scrutiny.** Digital traceability of subsidies to know whether training-course money ended up being spent on a seafood blowout or on computers.
85. **Public information will not be concealed.** The Transparency Council will have teeth to bite any minister who refuses to show the receipt for his official car.
86. **Politics will return to Parliament.** Fewer press conferences at Moncloa without questions and more rowdy yet constitutional debate in the chamber.
87. **Laws will be debated without tricks or shortcuts.** Forbidden to sneak an amendment on wild boar hunting into a banking regulation bill.
88. **The exception will once again be merely an exception.** Royal Decree-Laws reserved for alien invasions or devastating flash floods, not for slipping through rental reforms on a Friday afternoon.
89. **The Government will not be able to dodge scrutiny.** The Prime Minister will attend Congress when summoned, and if he fails to show up, Standing Orders will put a black mark on his attendance record.

90. **Laws will be made in full view of everyone.** Lobbying register: the chap with the briefcase will have to clock in at the entrance of Congress just like the cleaners.

91. **Official secrets will have limits.** An expiry date on classified papers so grandchildren can finally find out what went on in last century's offices.

03. REUNITING THE NATION

Or knocking down the wall by building a taller, uniform fence

The Nation is a community of affections, but above all of uniform identity documents. Gone are the 17 petty *taifa* kingdoms where a vaccine or a shop licence requires a regional criminal-record certificate.

The Historical Grievance	**The Homogenising Solution**
17 different university entrance exams (*Selectividad*).	**The Single PAU:** everyone suffers the exact same syntax exam in Algeciras and Girona alike.
School history according to the local tribe.	**Curriculum drafted by the Royal Academy:** the Transition to democracy was a fairy tale with a happy ending.
Catalan or Basque spoken in Congress.	**Mandatory Castilian Spanish at the rostrum** so everyone understands the insults in the common tongue.
Democratic Memory Act negotiated with Bildu.	**Concord Act:** all grandfathers were good men provided they looked out for the good of the Fatherland.

92. **Rights will belong to the person and travel with them.** Moving province will not mean losing your doctor's appointment or having to re-register the dog.

93. **Single health and social care card and medical record.** Medical files will read identically in Vigo and in Murcia, preventing a Galician from being given an injection meant for someone from Valencia.

94. **A business will be able to expand across all of Spain without applying for a new permit.** If a *churrería* meets the requirements in Albacete, it will be able to open a branch in Badalona without local inspectors demanding the *churro*'s baptismal certificate.

95. **We will introduce a common University Entrance Exam (PAU).** Same exam for everyone. The lad from Badajoz and the one from San Sebastián will compete on the exact same question about the Spanish Golden Age.

96. **We will guarantee the right to receive education in Castilian Spanish.** The language of Cervantes will be studied in every classroom in the fatherland with no immersion excuses.

97. **We will defend cordiality between languages.** Citizens will choose which language the regional Administration addresses them in, whilst the State reserves the right to reply in Spanish if it doesn't understand the dialect.

98. **Ties to Spain will confer priority.** Public benefits will reward having paid national insurance and taxes here before ladling out soup to newcomers.

99. **Against depopulation: jobs, housing, and services.** Tax incentives for anyone opening a glove factory in "Empty Spain" and fibre-optic broadband so the village hermit can work remotely.

100. **Same rules, clear accounts, and no privileges.** Conference of Regional Presidents to agree on regional funding. An equalisation fund so a doctor in Jaén earns the same as one in Bilbao.

101. **No region will opt out of the common system.** No more cheeky Basque tax quotas or bespoke fiscal deals negotiated overnight in a roadside motel.

102. **Each Autonomous Community will be liable for its own debt.** Any region that blows its cash on foreign "embassies" or patron-saint fiestas will have to tighten its belt without begging Madrid for a bailout.

103. **Town councils will have sufficient funding.** Mayors will be able to spend their budget surplus fixing the town square instead of having the money frozen in the bank by European diktat.

104. **Small municipalities will have rules tailored to their size.** The Small Village Statute so the mayor doesn't need three Master's degrees just to put the fiesta street-lighting out to tender.

105. **There will be more resources for the smallest villages.** Direct aid to villages of 100 inhabitants so neither the local bar nor the public drinking fountain dies out.

106. **Insularity will not mean fewer opportunities.** Resident airfare discounts for Canary and Balearic Islanders, and guaranteed electricity without blackouts on the islands.

107. **We will not mortgage those who come after us.** Deficit reduction so our grandchildren don't have to pay for the current legislature's fireworks.

108. **We will guarantee today's pensions and their future.** Inflation-linked increases enshrined in law and active retirement for anyone who wants to carry on drafting blueprints at 70 without the Tax Agency penalising them.

109. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Reserved for the four-day working week promise that will never be kept].

110. **Living longer and living better.** Modernised IMSERSO senior-citizen holidays and grandparents respected as pillars of unpaid family childcare.

111. **Nobody will have fewer opportunities because of who they are.** Fighting discrimination, albeit without using gender-inclusive language that ruins syntax.

112. **Disability will not limit opportunities.** Genuine dependency grants and tax relief to adapt the home of the cripple.

113. **Loneliness must not condemn anyone.** Befriending programmes for the old lady on the third floor and the youngster who only talks to his screen.

114. **Dependency care will arrive on time and caring will be tax-deductible.** A 40% tax deduction for hiring a carer for Grandad, and social security contributions paid by the State for any relative who quits their job to provide care.

115. **Neither hurdles nor guilt: real equality.** Repeal of the Trans Act: an end to sex self-determination on the civil registry, and women's sport will once again be measured by biology rather than faith.

116. **Infrastructure maintenance will take priority.** Auditing bridges and railway tracks before opening yet another high-speed AVE line carrying three passengers and a dog.

117. **The largest infrastructure plan: 300 billion euros.** Public and private money to fix roads that currently resemble goat tracks.

118. **We will invest in the rail network.** An urgent plan for the commuter trapped on a *Cercanías* train between two stations with no air conditioning.

119. **High-speed rail will once again be a benchmark.** The AVE will recover Germanic punctuality, and if it is half an hour late, your ticket will be refunded on the spot.

120. **We will restore the reliability of *Cercanías* and *Rodalies* commuter trains.** Fewer breakdowns, new tracks, and trains that don't grind to a halt because of a drooping overhead wire.

121. **We will accelerate major rail corridors.** The Mediterranean and Atlantic Corridors finished before cars learn to fly.

122. **We will reverse the deterioration of roads.** Fresh tarmac for 26,000 kilometres of the national road network and secure lorry parks so hauliers don't have to sleep with one eye open.

123. **A better digitally connected Spain.** 5G along dual carriageways so the autonomous lorry can download its box-set while driving.

124. **More modern ports.** Connecting all 46 ports of general interest to the railway network to move containers without gridlocking the motorways.

125. **Greater capacity for airports.** Expansion of Barajas and El Prat if tourist demand requires it.

126. **National Water Pact.** 40 billion euros for reservoirs, desalination plants, and efficient irrigation. Water will flow from where there is too much to where there is too little without asking the river's permission.

127. **Castilian Spanish will once again be the working language in Congress.** Earpieces banned in the chamber: the Galician MP will speak to the Andalusian MP in the tongue of Cervantes or resort to mime.

128. **The symbols of Spain will be respected.** Heavy fines for anyone who tramples the flag or boos the national anthem at the Copa del Rey final.

129. **We will repeal the Democratic Memory Act.** A Concord Act in its place: history will be written by historians, not by radical-left coalition partners.

130. **Victims of terrorism at the centre.** Investigation of the 300 unsolved ETA crimes and an official account of the horror without mincing words.

131. **We will ban tributes to ETA terrorists.** Zero open-prison privileges for ETA inmates unless they beg forgiveness and cooperate with judges to solve cold murder cases.

132. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Patriotic surprise reserved for the closing rally in the bullring].

133. **History will be taught in full.** The Transition and terrorism taught in schools under the supervision of the Royal Academies.

134. **Culture in freedom.** An end to left-wing cancel culture: public money will no longer go exclusively to films about the Spanish Civil War.

135. **We will protect our heritage and pass a Patronage Act.** Tax deductions for any millionaire who restores an altarpiece or funds a research team.

136. **We will build the future from our roots.** The National Bullfighting Prize returns, alongside unabashed support for village street parties, pilgrimages, and regional folk dances.

137. **Spain will be the best place to create in Spanish.** The Cervantes Institute as the engine of cultural diplomacy across the Hispanic world.

138. **We will project the best of Spain.** Gastronomy, tourism, and sport marketed abroad as a hallmark of excellence.

139. **We will boost sport and the 2030 World Cup final.** We will demand by law that the World Cup final be played in Madrid, or else we won't join the party.

140. **Nationality is not given away.** A serious integration exam and continuous residency period before handing out a Spanish passport.

141. **We will demand more to become Spanish.** Exams in language, history, and civic behaviour. Preferential treatment for our Hispano-American brethren.

142. **Nationality implies loyalty.** Stripping of citizenship for any naturalised Spaniard convicted of jihadism or high treason.

143. **Legal certainty for descendants.** Nationality only for genuine grandchildren of exile proven with archival paperwork.

04. RECOVERING AMBITION AND SELF-ESTEEM

(On how the economic miracle will consist of tightening our belts with a prettier buckle)

Prospering will be normal again. Gone are young people living with their parents until forty and self-employed workers paying their social security fee before selling their first screw. The solution is simple: a million new homes and tax breaks galore.

THE MIRACLE OF PROMPT PROSPERITY

Mass construction —► Ultra-liberal Land Act

Emancipated youths —► Tax-free savings accounts

Happy sole traders —► Zero fee in year one (if they earn nothing)

144. **We will build one million homes.** Public land released, planning permission granted in three months via positive administrative silence, and large old townhouses subdivided into Tokyo-style micro-flats.

145. **We will repeal the Housing Act.** Goodbye to rent caps and stressed housing zones. The market will set whatever price the wallet can bear.

146. **Strategic residential projects.** Fast-tracked planning procedures so developers can build entire neighbourhoods before the law changes again.

147. **Industrialised housing.** Factory-built homes churned out like *churros* to bypass the shortage of traditional bricklayers.

148. **Promoting refurbishment.** Super-reduced 4% VAT to do up old flats and put them back on the market.

149. *[Editor's note: point 149 was lost in the maelstrom of administrative simplification].*

150. **Access to credit for construction.** State ICO and European Bank guarantees so property developers don't have to go cap in hand to private banks.

151. **Local funding will boost housing.** Any town council that fails to release land for affordable flats will lose state grants.

152. **We will train and bring in construction professionals.** Crash vocational courses in bricklaying and labour-immigration quotas recruited at origin to lay bricks.

153. **Young people will pay no taxes on their first home.** Reduced 4% VAT for under-40s buying a flat.

154. **The State will underwrite mortgage deposits.** A 20% public guarantee so young people without rich parents can joyfully saddle themselves with a 30-year debt.

155. **Young Home Piggy Bank.** Savings of 2,000 euros a year with 20% tax relief to scrape together a house deposit.

156. **"Three Years+". Tax breaks on renting.** If the landlord raises rent by no more than CPI inflation for three years, the taxman forgives him a chunk of income tax.

157. **Squatters will be out in 48 hours.** Fast-track court order, police eviction, and immediate cancellation of the trespasser's municipal registration.

158. **We will increase family allowances in income tax.** Monthly payments to families for each child so that raising kids doesn't look like a millionaire's luxury.

159. **Support for every woman who wants to become a mother.** The unborn foetus will count as a family member for welfare purposes. Egg freezing paid for on the National Health.

160. **Flexible parental leave.** Each parent will take maternity/paternity leave whenever it best suits their employer's diary.

161. **Incentives to hire parents.** 100% exemption from self-employed social security contributions for two years for mothers returning to business.

162. **Time-banking for work-life balance.** Workers will bank overtime hours to swap for days off when the child has a temperature.

163. **Free nursery schooling from ages 0 to 3.** Central and regional governments will go halves on state or state-subsidised nurseries.

164. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Reserved for the promise of a 300-euro school voucher per child].

165. **Support for single-parent families.** Same rights for single mothers as for traditional large families.

166. **Fighting child poverty.** Direct aid so vulnerable children neither go hungry nor drop out of school.

167. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Reserved for the announcement of the patriotic culture voucher].

168. **Ban on social media for under-14s.** Mandatory age verification and fines for TikTok if the youngster spends more than an hour staring at a screen at night.

169. **Artificial Intelligence and training vouchers.** Training vouchers so office workers can retrain before an algorithm pinches their desk.

170. **Zero fee for new sole traders.** First year free of social security contributions and legal protection for the entrepreneur's primary residence if the business goes bust.

171. **Self-employed workers earning under 85,000 euros exempt from VAT.** European directive finally implemented: goodbye to quarterly VAT returns for small sole traders.

172. **Second chance if a business fails.** Contribution relief from day one of sick leave for serious illness for the self-employed.

173. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Reserved for the flat-rate motorway toll pass].

174. **Stable companies will pay less.** Social security rebates for firms that don't abuse bogus temporary contracts.

175. **Protection for the seriously ill and crackdown on absenteeism.** 100% sick pay for cancer leave, and pursuing with a magnifying glass anyone who calls in sick to nip off to the beach.

176. **A strong social economy.** Support for cooperatives and worker-owned companies creating jobs in villages.

177. **Income tax cut for middle and low earners.** Anyone on the Minimum Wage will pay not a single euro in income tax by law.

178. **Deflating income tax brackets.** Tax thresholds will be adjusted for inflation so rising prices don't act as a stealth tax hike.

179. **Income tax exemption for young people.** Zero income tax in their first year of work for under-35s, and progressive reductions over the following three years.

180. **VAT cut on staple foods.** 0% VAT on meat, fish, and tinned goods for as long as shopping-basket inflation lasts.

181. **Free depreciation on investment.** Whatever is invested in machinery or software can be written off in full on the same year's Corporation Tax return.

182. **Taxpayers' Charter.** The Tax Agency will trust citizens and forgive their first mistake without slapping on an inquisitorial fine.

183. **Scrapping taxes that stifle investment.** Goodbye to Wealth Tax and Inheritance Tax across the entire country.

184. **Tax-neutral treatment of savings.** Whether you save in a pension plan, property, or shares, the taxman won't penalise you until you cash out.

185. **Regional tax freedom.** No central government will force an Autonomous Community to raise taxes if it wishes to cut them for its residents.

186. **Productivity test for every regulation.** Before passing a law, we will measure how many jobs it destroys or how many forms it requires.

187. **Growth will not be a punishment for SMEs.** New company-size regulations will apply only after four consecutive years of growth.

188. **Return of researchers.** A 20% flat tax rate *à la* Beckham Law for scientists returning to Spain to work on major projects.

189. **R&D and innovation tax relief.** The State will use public procurement to commission inventions from home-grown startups.

190. **Artificial Intelligence Centre for the real economy.** AESIA will help SMEs put robots on the factory floor without handing out fines.

191. **Strategic Innovation Zones.** Guaranteed land and electricity with low taxes for seven years to manufacture microchips or batteries.

192. **Strategic Industrial Projects.** Six-month express permitting for any factory creating more than 100 jobs.

193. **Strategic reserves of food and medicines.** Ensuring there is no shortage of paracetamol or grain if another global supply-chain crisis hits.

194. **Higher-value, higher-productivity tourism.** Less booze-fuelled sun-and-sand tourism and more high-spending cultural sightseeing.

195. **National Pact for the Countryside, Sea, and Woodlands.** Treating agriculture as a strategic national sector above party squabbles.

196. **Reduced rural taxation.** Anyone living and working in a village will pay less tax, and young people will pay no tax when buying a village house.

197. **Maintaining CAP funds.** Negotiating in Brussels so not a single euro of EU agricultural subsidies reaching Spanish farmers is cut.

198. **Protection of farm incomes and wolf control.** Income insurance for farmers and culling of wolves so they stop eating livestock.

199. **Guaranteed water for the countryside.** Modernising irrigation systems to use half the water and store the surplus in reservoirs.

200. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Reserved for the agricultural diesel subsidy].

201. **Mirror clauses on imports.** Not a single foreign tomato grown with pesticides banned in Spain will enter the country.

202. **Support for agri-food exports.** Helping sell wine, olive oil, and cured ham in America and Asia.

203. **Generational renewal in farming.** Young farmers taking over a holding will receive 70% of their EU grant upfront.

204. **Plan for rural women.** Supporting women who set up businesses or run farms in villages.

205. **Payments for environmental services.** Farmers who look after woodland or water will receive extra cash for their genuine ecological work.

206. **Reform of the Forestry Act.** Private woodland may be cleared and felled without applying for three environmental permits.

207. **Defence of sustainable hunting.** Recognising hunting as a driver of the rural economy and a regulator of pests.

208. **New Coastal Act.** Legal certainty for beach bars (*chiringuitos*) and historic beachfront homes free from demolition threats over rising sea levels.

209. **Boosting reading and arithmetic in Primary school.** Repeal of the LOMLOE education act: children will leave primary school knowing how to add up and read without spelling mistakes.

210. **[Stay tuned to the campaign to discover this new measure].**

[Reserved for the standardized national exam at the end of secondary school].

211. **Teacher prestige and minimum entry grades.** High entry grades for teacher-training degrees and statutory public-authority status for assaulted teachers.

212. **Freedom of school choice and state-subsidised private schools.** Freedom to choose state or *concertado* schools across the entire municipality, with funding agreements lasting at least six years.

213. **Defence of Special Education schools.** Not a single special-needs school for pupils with severe disabilities will be closed.

214. **Anti-bullying protocol.** The bully will be punished with educational tasks and the victim will not have to change schools.

215. **Standards required to move up a year.** Passing every subject returns as a requirement to advance in secondary school: no more moving up with three failed subjects.

216. **Prestigious Dual Vocational Training.** A map of vocational placements matched to the actual jobs local businesses are recruiting for.

217. **University autonomy and accountability.** Universities will receive public funding based on how many graduates find jobs upon finishing.

218. **Grants based on merit and means.** Brilliant students without money will get full grants, and those who fail their exams will lose their funding.

219. **State Pact for Healthcare and waiting lists.** A national plan to carry out operations in record time and stable funding for hospitals.

220. **More doctors and nurses.** 4,500 additional GPs for Primary Care and an end to inhumane 24-hour on-call shifts.

221. **Patient participation.** Equal access to new cancer drugs across all regions of Spain.

222. **Prevention and vaccination strategy.** A single public health strategy to catch illnesses early before they fill up intensive care units.

223. **National Mental Health Plan.** Psychologists in Primary Care to prevent youth suicide and treat depression.

224. **State Fund for Rare Diseases.** Fast-tracking the approval of orphan drugs without two years of bureaucratic delay.

225. **Tax relief for serious illness.** Income tax deductions for the costs of caring for a relative with cancer or Motor Neurone Disease (ALS).

226. **National Palliative Care Act.** Guaranteed end-of-life pain relief so nobody is pushed towards death through lack of care.

227. **Healthcare Plan for Ceuta and Melilla.** A paediatric ICU and more specialists on higher salaries for serving in a hardship posting.

228. **Life extension for nuclear power stations.** Almaraz, Ascó, and Cofrentes will not close: nuclear power will keep running to provide cheap, clean energy.

229. **Electricity tax cuts and a Single Social Tariff.** Scrapping the 7% electricity generation tax and automatic bill support for low-income households.

230. **Unblocking the national grid.** A plan to connect new factories and solar farms to the grid without waiting in a three-year queue.

231. **Reinforcing the power system against blackouts.** No gas-fired power station will close until there is enough battery storage to stop the country being plunged into darkness.

232. **Realistic ecological transition.** Halting impossible deadlines for mandatory electric cars when ordinary people cannot afford to buy them.

233. **Circular economy without impossible penalties.** Easy recycling without forcing SMEs to spend fortunes changing their packaging overnight.

234. **State-level foreign policy.** Consensus on international decisions: the Prime Minister will not alter Spain's stance on Western Sahara off his own bat.

235. **Spanish leadership in the European Union.** Carrying weight in Brussels as the EU's fourth-largest economy on defence and energy decisions.

236. **Defending the European budget.** Refusing to let Brussels slash agricultural or cohesion funds in the 2028 budget.

237. **Territorial integrity in the Maghreb.** Balanced relations with Morocco and Algeria while always defending the Spanish sovereignty of Ceuta, Melilla, and the Canary Islands.

238. **The southern border as a European priority.** Demanding that Brussels pay for the wall and surveillance in Ceuta and Melilla just as it does in Finland against Russia.

239. **A just solution for Western Sahara.** Supporting a transparent UN plan before Congress with no diplomatic secrets.

240. **Firm support for Ukraine.** Maintaining sanctions on Russia and military aid to Ukraine for as long as the invasion lasts.

241. **Gibraltar as a matter of State.** Dialogue with the United Kingdom asserting Spanish sovereignty over the Rock and protecting jobs in the Campo de Gibraltar.

242. **Transatlantic bond.** Maintaining a strong strategic and trade alliance with the United States without stumbling into tariff wars.

243. **Priority on Ibero-America.** Close ties with Hispano-American nations, backing Spanish companies in the region.

244. **Condemnation of the dictatorships in Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.** Open support for the democratic opposition and demanding the release of political prisoners.

245. **Reducing dependence on China.** Diversifying raw material and technology sourcing so as not to rely on Beijing in a crisis.

246. **Peace in the Middle East.** Protection of civilians in Gaza and a diplomatic solution with Israel and Arab nations against the Iranian threat.

247. **Reform of development cooperation.** Auditing NGO funds so aid actually reaches those in need and helps curb irregular migration at source.

248. **Professional and commercial diplomacy.** Ambassadors dedicated to selling Spanish goods and winning real geopolitical influence.

249. **Consular reinforcement plan.** A 24-hour emergency switchboard to assist any Spaniard who runs into trouble anywhere in the world.

THE CABAL OF THE SLEEVE PROTECTORS AND THE MAGIC ABACUS

(Exegesis of the Economic and Fiscal Bloc: Points 144 to 185)

If the rest of the manifesto is a sung High Mass for sacristans of procedure, this section is the **Apotheosis of the Tax Advisor in Braces**. We are presented with the miracle of the loaves, the fishes, and the flats without anyone having to foot the bill, except, of course, that mythological creature known as *"the compliant taxpayer"*, who is promised a pat on the back whilst his pockets are emptied with utmost institutional courtesy.

Let us turn the magnifying glass onto this orgy of state guarantees, magical tax deductions, and redemptive bricks:

I. The Redemptive Brick and Town-Planning Alchemy (Points 144 to 157)

Behold the grand epiphany of traditionalist Spanish conservatism: Spain is not saved by reading the classics or investing in quantum physics, it is saved by *[Editor's note: sentence truncated in original text , "...40-year mortgages!"]*

- **144–147. The million shacks and the division of the loaves.** One million homes are to be built through the miraculous technique of rezoned office space and *"facilitating the subdivision of large dwellings"*. In other words: Granny's ninety-square-metre flat will be partitioned into four minuscule cubicles of patriotic contemplation, where the young entrepreneur can touch opposite walls simply by stretching out his arms. All of this fast-tracked via *"industrialised housing"*, which is a posh way of describing bolting flats together like Swedish flat-pack shelving, thrown up in ninety days thanks to positive administrative silence. If a town hall surveyor hasn't looked at the blueprints within three months, congratulations, you may now erect a tower block right on top of a royal drovers' road.
- **148. The rehabilitation of the redemptive agent.** Enter the almost messianic figure of the *"refurbishment agent"*, a being of pure light who will offer to do up your facade in exchange for you accepting *"greater density and buildability"*. Translation: they'll paint your entrance hall olive green provided you let them tack three extra storeys onto the roof above your upstairs neighbour.
- **150–152. The scaffolding crusade and the import of backs.** Since there aren't enough bricklayers for such an orgy of cement, the State will mobilise the ICO state credit institute, the European Bank, and whoever else is handy. And to chip away at the brickwork, the tap of *"labour-immigration quotas"* recruited at origin is turned full on. The migrant, so reviled in the chapter on borders, is transformed here into a blessed hero of reinforced concrete, provided he arrives trowel in hand and keeps his mouth shut.
- **153–156. The Piggy Bank of the Indebted Youth and the Landlord's Mercy.** For the under-40s, the solution to a lack of cash isn't raising their wages, what populist vulgarity!, but inviting them to get into debt sooner. Thus is born the Young Home Piggy Bank: squirrel away 2,000 euros a year that you haven't got, and the State will underwrite 20% of your mortgage so you can sign your youth over to the high-street bank of your devotion. And for renting, the invention of *"Three Years+"*: if the landlord renews the tenant's lease whilst raising the rent just a smidgen below inflation, the Tax Agency blesses him with a tax credit. The

tenant pays more every year, yet the landlord lives free from income-tax angst. Upper-middle-class solidarity!

- **157. Eviction at the sound of a bugle.** The squatter will be out in 48 hours through the combined intervention of the police, the residents' association, and the immediate annulment of his municipal registration. Gone is the ordeal of the property owner who couldn't let out his second flat by the seaside because some ragamuffins had unplugged his fridge.

II. Holy Matrimony and Fiscal Reproduction (Points 158 to 168)

In this bloc, tax policy intersects with the demographic catechism. Giving birth is no longer a biological act or an impulse of affection: it is a tax-optimisation strategy.

"In Reconstruction Spain, the unborn foetus counts as a deduction on your draft tax return, proving that the human soul carries fiscal consequences from the very instant of fertilisation."

- **158–161. Tax-deductible motherhood.** The *"unborn foetus"* will count towards benefit claims. If you suspect you might be pregnant in March, you can already apply for the income-tax rebate on your first-quarter return. Companies hiring parents will receive tax prizes, and self-employed mothers who give birth will enjoy two years of zero contributions, lest breastfeeding distract the entrepreneur from her duties to Social Security.
- **162–165. Time-banking and the solitude of the lonely parent.** *"Time banks"* are proposed to reconcile work and family life. You work twelve hours on Monday so that on Thursday you can get home in time to watch your child eat a salami sandwich for tea. All neatly negotiated within the framework of social dialogue.
- **168. Scroll censorship.** TikTok banned for under-14s and a night-time curfew on mobile phones. The State, which claimed it didn't want to meddle in anyone's private life, will dispatch a digital inspector to switch off the kid's Wi-Fi at ten o'clock at night so he studies his irregular verbs.

III. The Sole Trader's Paradise and Quango Arithmetic (Points 169 to 176)

Ah, the self-employed sole trader. That martyr of the fatherland whom every election manifesto parades through the streets as though he were the Virgin of the Macarena during Holy Week.

- **169–171. The AI voucher and phantom VAT.** If you are a plumber, the State will hand you a *"training voucher"* to learn Artificial Intelligence so you can fix cisterns using predictive algorithms. Furthermore, if your turnover is under 85,000 euros, you won't have to charge or file VAT. Libertarian utopia! The neighbourhood odd-job man will inhabit a fiscal limbo where he answers only to God and his own cashbook.
- **172–175. Second chances and the scourge of the skiver.** If the business goes under, the Second Chance Act will protect your home. But watch out, no pulling a sickie. *"Unjustified absenteeism"* and the fraud of calling in sick will be hunted down with magnifying glasses and combat-ready mutual insurers. The genuinely ill will receive 100% pay, whereas anyone complaining of suspicious lower-back pain on a Monday morning will be interrogated by a medical board styled like a court-martial.

IV. The Illusion of Tax Cuts (Points 177 to 185)

We reach the zenith of fiscal comedy: the promise that everyone will pay less tax whilst the State has more money for everything.

- **177–179. Skimmed income tax for youths and minimum-wage earners.** Anyone earning the Minimum Wage will pay zero income tax by law. Young people aged 18 to 35 are forgiven 100% of their income tax in their first year. The question of what happens in year five, when the youngster turns 36 and the Tax Agency demands four years of emotional arrears in one lump sum, is left for the next legislature.
- **180. The pork-chop VAT.** 0% VAT on meat and fish. The monthly grocery bill will drop by two euros and forty cents, just enough to buy a bunch of parsley and celebrate the recovery of purchasing power.
- **181–183. Love for big business and farewell to Wealth Tax.** Free depreciation on investments in machinery and software: everything a company spends renewing the board of directors' fleet of company cars is written off in the very same year. Taxes *"that stifle investment"* (Wealth, Inheritance, Gifts) are abolished, trusting that the millionaire, once spared such confiscatory punishment, will promptly reinvest his fortune into founding artisan pottery workshops in the countryside.
- **185. The catechism of regional liberty.** No central government will force an Autonomous Community to raise taxes. If Madrid or Andalusia wants to charge zero euros to mega-fortunes, *"fiscal freedom"* is respected, and if there later

turn out to be no doctors at the local cottage hospital, it will be the fault of the funding model negotiated by the previous government.

V. Conclusion: The Triumph of Accounting Illusion

This economic bloc is not a governing programme: it is a letter to the Three Wise Men drafted by a hungover tax clerk. It promises peace in the markets, bliss for the landlord, emancipation for the indebted youth, and canonisation for the sole trader, all funded with the money recovered from chasing down four petty chancers and trusting that the Holy Guardian Angel of the Economy will make GDP grow at 6% a year.

A masterpiece of fiscal science fiction that will last precisely as long as it takes the first European Commission inspector to step off the plane at Barajas Airport with a pocket calculator in hand.