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Trudeau Rules Out Pact With Other Parties in Canada

The move would ensure leader's Liberal Party remains in power in a minority government



Liberal leader and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed his supporters in Montreal on Tuesday. PHOTO: CARLO ALLEGRI/REUTERS

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OTTAWA—Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has ruled out any formal or informal pact with rival parties to ensure his Liberal Party remains in power in a minority government.

The newly reelected leader said on Wednesday that he was prepared to work with other political parties on pressing issues related to climate change and alleviating households' financial straits. He plans to name a cabinet on Nov. 20 but didn't say when the new Parliament would be seated.

Mr. Trudeau said he accepted the verdict delivered by voters in Monday's election, in which he was reelected with a weakened hand. Mr. Trudeau's Liberal Party won 157 seats in the national legislature, just short of the 170 required for a majority. His party had 177 seats before. The Conservative Party, led by Andrew Scheer, was in second place with 121 seats.

This means the Liberal Party will require support from other parties to get legislation passed and remain in power.

The election results have “given me food for thought, to think carefully and in depth on the best steps on moving forward,” he said in his first remarks to reporters after Monday’s win. “Canadians have asked us to work better together, and I am committed to do that. And I will say more about this as my thinking evolves.”

On policy matters, he said the Liberal government’s immediate priorities would be to cut taxes for middle-class families and push ahead with the expansion of a pipeline to carry crude-oil from landlocked Alberta to the Pacific Coast, destined for faster-growing markets in Asia.

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