

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Preacuerdo entre el Gobierno Nacional y el MIR-COAR
Date	21 Jan 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Colombian Conflict (1964 -)

The Colombian conflict is really a set of conflicts and the peace agreements reflect both different processes relating to different conflict groups and dyads, and processes taking place at different times in a complex peace process history. The Colombian civil war has its roots in the late 1940s and the violent infighting between liberal and the conservative factions. Emerging from the liberal tradition with a thorough grounding in nationalist communist ideology, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People's Army (FARC) began its armed insurrection against the Colombian government in 1964. Other left-wing guerrillas emerged as well, most notably the socialist/populist M-19, which would later be integrated into the formal political system in the peace process of 1990s; the National Liberation Army (ELN), which has strong roots in liberation theology, and the Maoist Ejército Popular de Liberación (EPL) (also part of the 1990 process, less successfully). Several stages of peace processes were undertaken by the various sides, which were further complicated by the emergence of right-wing paramilitary 'self-defence' forces. The peace agreement between the Colombian government under President Uribe and the main alliance of the paramilitary groups, the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC), concluded in 2005 and is still heavily disputed as several remnants are still active, but now subsumed under the heading 'Bacrim' (Bandas criminales). In addition, FARC and ELN maintain a military presence, but both demonstrate a strong interest in completing successful peace negotiations with the government, with the most recent agreements being between FARC and the Government.

Close
Colombian Conflict (1964 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia II - Samper

Parties For the national government:
HORACIO SERPA URIBE, Minister of the Interior
DANIEL GARCIA-PEÑA, Peace Commissioner
TOMÁS CONCHA SANZ, Head of the Presidential Reinsertion Programme

For MIR-COAR:
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CARLOS MARIO ARENAS LÓPEZ

Third parties -

Description This is a preliminary agreement between the National Government and the Independent Revolutionary Movement, agreeing to find a permanent solution to the armed conflict. The negotiating parties agree among others on security and legal guarantees, the provision of sufficient operative measures and to further meetings.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/national group No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Untitled Preamble,
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To achieve this, MIR-COAR undertakes to overcome all obstacles that may arise in order to carry out this process and guarantee the military demobilisation of its members, respect the rules, standards and provisions of international humanitarian law for the duration of the process to reach a permanent agreement, suspend offensive military activities throughout the process, and submit, in the course of the process, details of the urban and rural zones in which it operates and which are known to be under its influence.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, Untitled Preamble,
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Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other
Page 2, Mutual commitments, Article 1,
Carry out meetings with the greatest possible discretion and privacy, without issuing communications to the press, in order to respect the security of the members of the commissions.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 2, Mutual commitments, Article 2,
Work together to establish a professional team that will jointly evaluate with communities the socio-economic situation of the areas submitted as zones of influence of the insurgent group to provide the basis for making decisions regarding social investment in these areas, this being understood as the social restoration of neighbourhoods.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

Page 1, Government commitments, Article 1,
Provide the guarantees required by the spokespeople and representative members designated by MIR-COAR while the political-social negotiation process takes place.

Page 1, Government commitments, Article 2,
Guarantee under the terms set out in Law 104, 1993, reformed by Law 241, 1995, the suspension of the execution of capture orders for the representatives-members and spokespeople appointed by the organisation and recognised by the national government.

Page 2, Government commitments, Article 3,
Guarantee legal assistance to members of the organisation from the signing of this document throughout the talks. Under all circumstances, the government reserves the right to suspend them if this is warranted by the development of the process.

Page 2, Government commitments, Article 4,
Guarantee secure transport of spokespeople and representatives-members, as required, to carry out talks.

Page 2, Government commitments, Article 5,
Provide sufficient operative measures to make progress in this contact process.

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Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

**Intelligence
services** No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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[Summary: For provisions on DDR please see DDR.]

Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general

No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon

No specific mention.

Courts

No specific mention.

Mechanism

No specific mention.

Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	Page 1, Untitled Preamble, The national government, under the constitutional mandate for peace, as a mandatory duty and right, in order to find a permanent solution to the armed conflict and provide the basis and conditions for the growth of long-lasting peace through negotiations, the expansion of democratic channels, respect for human rights and international humanitarian law, and the participation and reconciliation of all Colombians, has decided in mutual agreement with the insurgent armed group the Independent Revolutionary Movement – Armed Commandos (Movimiento Independiente Revolucionario Comandos Armados, MIR-COAR) to initiate a dialogue process to find ways to permit the affirmation of genuine participative democracy, the social development of the communities under the influence of MIR-COAR, the peaceful coexistence of Colombians, and the reincorporation of the organisation’s members into civil, social and political life.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source En ausencia de un proceso de paz: Acuerdos Parciales y Mandato Ciudadano por la Paz, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1994-1998, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book IV) p. 293

