

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Metodología y Temática para las Discusiones, Comunicado No. 8, Mesa Nacional de Diálogos y Negociación
Date	28 Jan 2000
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 III - Arango
Parties	Gobierno Nacional, FARC-EP

Third parties

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Description

This text is about the topics and methods/processes of discussions for the national thematic committee. It goes into more detail about what topics need analysis and what needs to be looked at (economic and social structure, agrarian policies, natural resource conservation and exploitation).

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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 Page 2, Article 1. Methodology for talks, 1.1.,
Purpose: Each of the 12 issues on the agenda aim to reach an understanding between the parties, guided by the interest of the Colombian people.

Page 2, Article 1. Methodology for talks, 1.4.,
The result of the democratic participation process that will take place in parallel to the discussion of the items via public audiences and the other communication channels established for this purpose will serve as an input to the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation.

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, Recitals,
...
The agenda is based on three large groups of issues:
a. the social and economic structure
b. human rights, international humanitarian law and international relations
c. democracy and the political structure of the state. ...

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,
...
c. Exploitation and conservation of natural resources:
...
- international treaties;
...

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, Recitals,
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Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other
Page 4, Agreement

c. Exploitation and conservation of natural resources
☞ environmental protection based on sustainable development.

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 1, Recitals,

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Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,

After analysing the content and definition of each of the points for the social and economic structure, the parties agree to study the set of policies, sectors, instruments and resources that allow the creation of employment, the distribution of income, economic growth and the social development of the country as part of the analysis of the economic and social model. In this respect, we agree that the issue of economic and social development will include the following items, for which talks will be initiated in line with the previously adopted methodology:

a. Economic and social structure:

- review of the model for economic development;
- income distribution policies;
- expansion of internal and external markets;
- stimulation of production through small, medium and large private enterprise;
- support to the solidarity and cooperative economy;
- stimulation for foreign investment that benefits the nation;
- social participation in planning;
- investments in social well-being, education and scientific research.

b. Integrated agrarian policy:

- democratisation of credit, technical assistance, marketing;
- redistribution of unproductive land;
- recovery and distribution of the land acquired through trafficking and/or illegal activities;
- stimulus for production;
- substitution of illegal crops and alternative development.

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In the discussion of the various points for the economic development model that determines the economic and social structure, the parties agree to seek a model based on

the style favoured by the Colombian people, in the context of a globalised world, abstaining

from radical models. The National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation has set a deadline of six months for taking forward the agreed items

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,
...
c. Exploitation and conservation of natural resources:
- natural resources and their distribution;

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,
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**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,
...
c. Exploitation and conservation of natural resources:
...
- environmental protection based on sustainable development.
...

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,
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Drugs Pages 2-3, Article 2. Initial item to be discussed,
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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 No specific mention.

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 Diálogo, negociación y ruptura con las FARC-EP y con el ELN, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1998-2000, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book V) p. 192
