

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Declaración de la Habana, Gobierno Nacional-ELN
Date	15 Dec 2001
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 For the national government:
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RAMIRO VARGAS
JULIO LONDOÑO PAREDES

For ELN:
MILTON HERNÁNDEZ
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RAMIRO VARGAS

Third parties -

Description They agree: to propose an evaluation of the advances and obstacles to which the Colombian civil society and intl community will be invited; the delivery of 5 topical forums within a set timeframe to interchange initiatives and proposals on the topics (HR, state of participatory democracy, agrarian problems, drug traffic and agrarian alternatives, energy, mineral and hydrocarbon resources, economic and social problems) going into detail about how many and who will participate, and the procedures; meeting with a commission of ‘notables’ to analyse the recommendations; rounds in Havana and Caracas to project and advance the compromises on the topics of: ceasefire, means to reduce the conflict, problems of the energy sector and analysis and conclusions from the forums – details of the next such round; etc.

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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 1, Article 1,

Hold a peace summit in Havana, Cuba on 30–31 January to assess the effects, successes and obstacles in the dialogue process between the national government and ELN. The parties will invite representatives of Colombian society and the international community whose involvement in the peace process has made a significant contribution to its progress.

Page 2, Article 2,

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ii. The state and participative democracy, 25–27 March 2002;

iii. The agrarian problem, drug trafficking and the substitution of illicit crops, 29 April to 1 May 2002;

iv. Energy, mining and hydrocarbon resources, 27–29 May 2002;

v. The economy and social problems, 24–26 June 2002.

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Page 3, Article 6,

To strengthen and streamline the actions and activities of the Civil Facilitation Commission, the parties will establish a mandate to ensure the commission's work is in keeping with the circumstances of the transitional period.

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 2, Article 2,
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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation Page 2, Article 2,
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Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 2, Article 2,
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Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

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
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National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources Page 2, Article 2,
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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

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 2, Article 4,

Hold rounds of sessions in Havana and Caracas to plan and take forward the commitments made in the Agreement for Colombia and make progress in implementing the agenda set out in this agreement in order to discuss the following issues:

i. ceasefire and cessation of hostilities

ii. measures to reduce the conflict

iii. problems in the energy sector

iv. analysis and discussion of conclusions from the thematic forums.

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

No specific mention.

Drugs Page 2, Article 2,
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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 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. 334
