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Country/ entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Joint Communiqué # 60 regarding the Agreement of the Creation of a Special Jurisdiction for Peace
Date	23 Sep 2015
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Colombian Conflict (1964 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia V - Santos
Parties	Government of the Republic of Colombia; the FARC-EP
Third parties	-
Description	This short agreement provides for the development of a Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition, including creating a Commission for the Elucidation of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition, a Special Jurisdiction of Peace, and agreements on reparations for victims.

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## Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
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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.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 1, Article 4, The justice components foresees that upon the termination of hostilities, pursuant to IHL, the Colombian State will grant the broadest possible amnesty for political and related/connected crimes. An amnesty law will determine the scope and extent of the relation/connection. In any case, no amnesty or pardon will be granted for the conducts typified in the national legislation as corresponding to crimes against humanity, genocide, and grave war crimes, among other serious crimes such as the taking hostages or other serious deprivation of liberty, torture, forced displacement, forced disappearance, extra-judicial executions and sexual violence. These crimes will be subject to investigation and prosecution by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

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## 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.

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## Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties  
Page 2, Article 10,  
The transformation of the FARC – EP into a legal political movement is a shared purpose, which will receive the full support of the Government pursuant to the terms to be agreed.

Civil society Page 2, Article 6,  
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Traditional/  
religious  
leaders      No specific mention.

Public  
administration      No specific mention.

Constitution      No specific mention.

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### **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.

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Page 1, Article 4, The justice components foresees that upon the termination of hostilities, pursuant to IHL, the Colombian State will grant the broadest possible amnesty for political and related/connected crimes. An amnesty law will determine the scope and extent of the relation/connection. In any case, no amnesty or pardon will be granted for the conducts typified in the national legislation as corresponding to crimes against humanity, genocide, and grave war crimes, among other serious crimes such as the taking hostages or other serious deprivation of liberty, torture, forced displacement, forced disappearance, extra-judicial executions and sexual violence. These crimes will be subject to investigation and prosecution by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	Page 1, Article 4, The justice components foresees that upon the termination of hostilities, pursuant to IHL, the Colombian State will grant the broadest possible amnesty for political and related/connected crimes. An amnesty law will determine the scope and extent of the relation/connection. In any case, no amnesty or pardon will be granted for the conducts typified in the national legislation as corresponding to crimes against humanity, genocide, and grave war crimes, among other serious crimes such as the taking hostages or other serious deprivation of liberty, torture, forced displacement, forced disappearance, extra-judicial executions and sexual violence. These crimes will be subject to investigation and prosecution by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy No specific mention.

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.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts Page 1, Article 3,  
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[Summary] The Special Jurisdiction for Peace deals with judicial accountability in the post-war setting. See Judicial Accountability.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

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.

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## **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.

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## **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	Page 2, Article 9, In the case of the FARC – EP, the participation in the comprehensive system will be contingent on the laying down of arms, which shall begin latest within 60 days after the signature of the Final Agreement.
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.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/  
pardon

Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper  
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## Courts

Transitional justice→Courts→National courts

Page 1, Article 5,

The Special Jurisdiction for Peace will have competency with respect to all those who have directly or indirectly participated in the internal armed conflict, including the FARC – EP and the State agents, for crimes committed in the context and by reason of the conflict, especially regarding the most serious and representative cases.

Page 2, Article 6,

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Page 2, Article 7,

The penalties imposed by the Tribunal will have the essential purpose of satisfying the rights of the victims and consolidating peace, and shall seek the highest possible restoration and reparation of the damages caused. For all those who recognize responsibilities for crimes under the competency of the System, the penalty will have a component involving the restraint of liberties and rights, ensuring the fulfillment of the reparation and restoration functions thereof through the engagement in jobs, works and activities and, in general, the satisfaction of the victims' rights. The penalties or those who recognize very serious crimes will have a minimum duration of 5 years and a maximum of 8 years of effective restraint of liberty, under special conditions. The people who recognize their responsibility before the Tribunal in a belated fashion will be sentenced to serve prison terms of 5 to 8 years, under ordinary conditions. In order to be entitled to the alternative penalty, the beneficiaries will be required to commit to contribute with their resocialization through work, training or studies during the term of their restraint of liberty. The people who fail to recognize their responsibilities for such crimes and are found guilty, will be sentenced to prison terms of up to 20 years, under ordinary conditions.

Page 2, Article 8,

In order to have access to any special treatment within the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, it will be necessary to provide the whole truth, repair the victims, and guarantee non-repetition.

Mechanism Page 1, Article 2,  
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Prisoner  
release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

## Victims

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Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## 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.

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