

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Joint Communiqué, Havana, August 5, 2014
Date	5 Aug 2014
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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia V - Santos
Parties	The National Government; the FARC – EP

Third parties

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Description

This Communiqué contains four short provisions regarding: Measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits of the victims to Havana; Historical Commission of the conflict and its victims; Sub-commission related to item 3 of the Agenda of the General Agreement: “End of the Conflict”; and Sub-commission on gender.

Agreement document

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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

Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive
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Other groups

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Refugees/displaced persons

No specific mention.

Social class

No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender Page 1, 1. Measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits of the victims to Havana ...
We have emphasized that the organizers should resort to all necessary mechanisms in order to enable the inclusion of victims residing abroad in the delegations, as well as on the need to guarantee the effective participation of women.

Page 5, 4. Gender sub-commission
We have agreed that the gender sub-commission will meet in the next dialogue cycle in order to continue ensuring an adequate gender approach on the agreements reached and on an eventual final agreement.

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. 2. Historical Commission of the Conflict and its Victims, We reiterate that it is essential that balance, pluralism, consistency and fairness prevail in the election of the delegations, and different social sectors and populations should be taken into account, as well as the territorial approach. In particular, the delegations agreed to inform the organizers about the following measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits:
[...]
•The fact that direct victims of the conflict are selected does not preclude the possibility of those victims being part of an organization and reflecting such organization's viewpoints.
[...]
•It is important to remind that the hearings in Havana are one more mechanism aimed at guaranteeing the participation of the victims in the process. Prior to the victims' forums, the Dialogue Table had received more than 4,000 proposals of victims and organizations.
•In the three regional forums already held in Villavicencio, Barrancabermeja and Barranquilla, and the National Forum held in Cali, more than 3,000 people participated, most of them victims. The proposals of the victims' forums constitute the basic material for the work at the Table.

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, Article 1. Measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits of the victims to Havana,
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• We reiterate the importance of listening to victims of the entire universe of human rights violations and infringements of IHL, without any kind of discrimination.
[...]

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 No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
Page 5, Article 2i. Dissemination,
The Commission's Final Report, which will comprise both the summary report as well as the experts' individual or collective reports, will be formally delivered to the Table and will be published and widely disseminated.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups Page 1, The victims will be treated with respect and under the principles of protection and recognition.
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	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.

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	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision Page 5, Article 3. Sub-commission related to item 3 of the General Agreement: “End of the Conflict” We have agreed to set up and open the sub- - commission on item 3 on August 22, 2014. This sub- - commission will address the sub- - items related to the final and bilateral ceasefire, the end of the hostilities and the laying down of arms, and it will start by reviewing and analyzing national and international best practices on the matter. The sub-commission will consist of up to 10 members of each delegation, who will define a timeline for their work.</p>
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 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 [Summary: pp. 2-5, Article 2, Historical Commission of the Conflict and its Victims (CHCV, for its acronym in Spanish) provides for the setup of a commission to understand the complexity of the internal conflict and its historical context. The article provides for its mandate, guiding principles, its composition and setup, operational framework and details, duration and details regarding its final report. For detailed provisions see communication and reconciliation.]

Page 5, Article 4. Gender sub-commission

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Once again, we reiterate that, as set forth in item five of the General Agreement, “the compensation of the victims will be at the core of the agreement between the National Government and the FARC – EP”. Likewise, as set forth in the declaration of principles, “the victims of severe human right violations and infringements of IHL on occasion of the conflict are entitled to the truth, to justice, to reparation, and to the guarantees of non - - repetition.”

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	[Summary: Most of the agreement (pp. 1-5, Articles 1 and 2) regard victims of the conflict. It provides for arranging the visit of the victims to Havana, Cuba, and the establishment of a Historical Commission of the Conflict and its Victims, its mandate, principles, set up and composition. For specific provisions see at human rights, civil society, communication and reconciliation.]
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	<p>Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations Page 5, Article 4. Gender sub-commission We have agreed that the gender sub- - commission will meet in the next dialogue cycle in order to continue ensuring an adequate gender approach on the agreements reached and on an eventual final agreement.</p> <p>Once again, we reiterate that, as set forth in item five of the General Agreement, “the compensation of the victims will be at the core of the agreement between the National Government and the FARC – EP”. Likewise, as set forth in the declaration of principles, “the victims of severe human right violations and infringements of IHL on occasion of the conflict are entitled to the truth, to justice, to reparation, and to the guarantees of non- - repetition.”</p>
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.

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