

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Communiqué #52, Havana
<b>Date</b>	7 Mar 2015
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	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 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Colombia V - Santos
<b>Parties</b>	The Government; the FARC – EP

**Third parties**

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**Description**

This agreement outlines steps for the clean up and decontamination of land from the presence of explosive remnants of war.

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**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**

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**

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Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording

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### **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** No specific mention.

## Civil society

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Within the framework of de-escalation, seeking to move forward in building trust and in order to contribute to create security conditions for the inhabitants of risk zones due to the presence of land mines, improvised explosive devices, unexploded ordnance and explosive remnants of war, in order to provide non-repetition guarantees to the communities, the Government and the FARC – EP have agreed to ask the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) organization to lead and coordinate the implementation of a land clean-up and decontamination project from APMs, IEDs, UXOs and ERWs.

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In an initial phase, each multi-task team will be comprised by an NPA coordination and verification leader and the Government's technicians. The Government will designate the Demining Engineers Battalion (BIDES, for its acronym in Spanish) for the mine removal. The entire clean-up and decontamination process will be accompanied by two members each from the Government, the FARC – EP and the communities.

The Government will speed up the NPA's certification process in order to move forward on other phases of this project, agreed by the National Government and the FARC – EP, and will also engage the support of civilian demining teams.

[...]

Page 2, Dialogue with the communities,

During the implementation of the clean-up and decontamination process, an ongoing and close dialogue will be maintained between the NPA and the communities, in order to create trust on the quality of the clean-up and decontamination or removal operations, and information exchange on APMs, IEDs and UXOs or ERWs with the multi-task teams will be promoted by the communities.

Page 2, Verification,

In order to ensure that the clean-up and decontamination or removal operations comply with the necessary standards and to ensure that the territory is free of any suspected presence of APMs, IEDs and UXOs or ERWs, the NPA will conduct a systematic verification in accordance with best international practices and standards. The verification and the entire process involving the clean-up and decontamination operations will be accompanied by two National Government delegates, two representatives designated for said purpose by the FARC – EP, and two representatives from the communities.

Page 2, Formal delivery to the national and local authorities and the communities,

The NPA verification team, along with the delegates of the National Government and the FARC – EP, will formally deliver the decontaminated lands to the local community representatives and authorities.

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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** No specific mention.

**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.

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### **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention  
procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** Page 2,  
[...]  
The National Government undertakes to guarantee the necessary technical and material resources and the transport logistics required by the NPA –which will be of a humanitarian nature- for the commissioning of the initiative, and to adopt the necessary measures for the recovery of the affected goods and services. Medical support personnel will be civilian. The Government will keep the Dialogue Table informed about all resources provided.

**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** No specific mention.

**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** [Summary: The whole agreement provides for the clean up and decontamination of land from the explosive remnants of war, such as anti-personnel mines, improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordnance or explosive remnants of war in general, in cooperation with the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) organization. For detailed provisions see civil society, women, men, mobility, enforcement mechanism and past provision.]

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.



<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	<p>Page 1,  Within the framework of de-escalation, seeking to move forward in building trust and in order to contribute to create security conditions for the inhabitants of risk zones due to the presence of land mines, improvised explosive devices, unexploded ordnance and explosive remnants of war, an in order to provide non-repetition guarantees to the communities, the Government and the FARC – EP have agreed to ask the Norwegian People’s Aid (NPA) organization to lead and coordinate the implementation of a land clean-up and decontamination project from APMs, IEDs, UXOs and ERWs.  [...]</p> <p>Page 3,  The National Government and the FARC – EP undertake to maintain the areas clean and decontaminated, thus providing non-repetition guarantees to the communities.  [...]</p>
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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**Implementation**

<b>UN signatory</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other international signatory</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

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The guarantors will accompany this project's activities.

The National Government and the FARC – EP will establish a technical group to determine the sites and the roadmap for the implementation of this measure, including the forms and specificities of their participation in the project.

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The Dialogue Table will establish a mechanism to report the progress and compliance with the implementation of this de-escalation measure, which is a mutual commitment.  
[...]

**Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source**

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