

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	A Pesar de las Dificultades Logramos Históricos Avances, Comunicado no. 6 de la Mesa de Dialogos y Negociacion
Date	19 Dec 1999
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	Renewal
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia III - Arango
Parties	National Govt, FARC

Third parties

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Description

Restatement of commitment to peace and popular participation in process, and to structures facilitating popular participation. SM: this is a review of the last year of negotiation and look forward into the next year, century and millennium in the hope for peace and an affirmation that this process must include all and is not to the benefit of individuals or groups but the nation as a whole. It reaffirms what they expect from the international community and highlight 6 achievements of the last year. 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. 191

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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 Groups→Religious groups→Rhetorical
Page 2, Article 6,
We reaffirm that the peace process belongs equally to all Colombians, regardless of political, economic, social or religious interests. The interests of the process are the interests of the Colombian people as a whole and do not represent any personal or group interests.

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 2.2,
As an initial phase, a Common Agenda for the Transition Toward a New Colombia was agreed by means of dialogue, together with mechanisms for public participation.

Page 1, Article 2.4,
We have established a National Thematic Committee comprising representatives of FARC-EP and various sectors that represent the Colombian state to gather and evaluate proposals from the public, which aim to enrich the terms of the talks and will be decided on by the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation.

Page 2, Article 2.6,
We have agreed the methodology for the negotiation and dialogue process, together with the procedures and mechanisms to facilitate the public participation.

Page 2, Article 3,
Aware of the historic responsibility to ensure the results of the process, calm and careful consideration has been given to the initial topic to be addressed by the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation and which will begin the public audiences. We are making progress toward defining this topic, always keeping the interests of the Colombian people in mind and seeking to facilitate broad public participation.

Page 2, Article 4,
We agree that the participation of the international community is fundamental to the peace process. We hope for decisive cooperation from the international community, respecting the principles of non-intervention and the free determination of our people.

**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 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.

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 2, Article 5,
We reiterate to the media the importance of keeping the Colombian people and the international community informed of the development of the peace process via objective, truthful and impartial information.

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 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 Page 1, Article 2.1,
The establishment of a demilitarised zone as a result of the goodwill of both parties has allowed fluent dialogue in an atmosphere of trust, respect and tolerance.

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 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	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	Page 1, Article 2, During this year, in spite of the inherent difficulties of such a complex process, we have made significant and historic progress in the search for national reconciliation. ...

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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