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**Country/  
entity** Colombia

**Region** Americas

**Agreement  
name** FARC Letter To Christians and Anyone Who Professes a Religion

**Date** 29 Oct 2016

**Agreement  
status** Unilateral document

**Interim  
arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/  
conflict level** Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Colombian Conflict (1964 - ) )

**Stage** Implementation/renegotiation

**Conflict  
nature** Inter-group


**Peace process** Colombia V - Santos

**Parties** Signed:  
FARC

**Third parties** -

**Description** -

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## Groups

Children/ youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 1, Based on sustained talks and the respectful and cordial exchange of points and opinions, we conclude that the FARC-EP, using its autonomy and competencies, as one of the parties to the dialogue, will bring the following points before the National Government for analysis and possible incorporation into the Agreement: ... 3. So that in this way, the approaches to non-stigmatization and non-victimization of any vulnerable population, incorporated in the Agreement, should harmonize with freedom of conscience, religious freedom, the right to educational autonomy of institutions, And with the right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their principles and values.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.

Religious groups	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Substantive</p> <p>Summary: Agreement in its entirety is between an armed group (FARC) and Christian leaders in order to integrate perspectives of Christian sectors into the Final Peace Agreement.</p> <p>Page 1, Preamble</p> <p>In this period of building consensus for peace, in Havana on 23 and 24 October, the FARCEP Peace Delegation, met Viviane Morales and Carlos Alonso Lucio, in their capacity as senator and Christian leader, in order to listen to their proposals to review and amend the Final Peace Agreement, taking into account public comments made by different Christian sectors.</p> <p>...</p> <p>4. The Agreement should include among the victims of the conflict the recognition and visibility of those who were victims because of their religious beliefs, particularly of pastors and Christian communities</p> <p>...</p> <p>5. They should recognize Christian churches as actors of reconciliation for peace, enabling them to participate in the stages of implementation of the Agreement. Such a situation should pertain in all areas of citizen participation, including work spaces on family issues, freedom of religion and freedom of conscience, within the framework of the commission for implementation, monitoring, verification and resolution of disputes. Faith congregations and religious cults, including Christianity, should also have space for participation in peacebuilding bodies arising from the Agreement, which are relevant, based on the consolidation of reconciliation and peace.</p>
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	<p>Groups→Other groups→Substantive</p> <p>Page 1,</p> <p>Based on sustained talks and the respectful and cordial exchange of points and opinions, we conclude that the FARC-EP, using its autonomy and competencies, as one of the parties to the dialogue, will bring the following points before the National Government for analysis and possible incorporation into the Agreement:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3. So that in this way, the approaches to non-stigmatization and non-victimization of any vulnerable population, incorporated in the Agreement, should harmonize with freedom of conscience, religious freedom, the right to educational autonomy of institutions, And with the right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their principles and values.</p>
Refugees/ displaced persons	No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women,  
girls and  
gender

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Men and  
boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

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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	Page 1, Preamble In this period of building consensus for peace, in Havana on 23 and 24 October, the FARCEP Peace Delegation, met Viviane Morales and Carlos Alonso Lucio, in their capacity as senator and Christian leader, in order to listen to their proposals to review and amend the Final Peace Agreement, taking into account public comments made by different Christian sectors.
Traditional/ religious leaders	Page 1, Based on sustained talks and the respectful and cordial exchange of points and opinions, we conclude that the FARC-EP, using its autonomy and competencies, as one of the parties to the dialogue, will bring the following points before the National Government for analysis and possible incorporation into the Agreement: ... 4. The Agreement should include among the victims of the conflict the recognition and visibility of those who were victims because of their religious beliefs, particularly of pastors and Christian communities
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      Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion

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Socio-economic rights      Human rights and equality→Socio-economic rights→Education

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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	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	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 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 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.

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## **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 Page 1,  
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Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1,  
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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.

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Related cases No specific mention.

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