

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Agreement on a Peace Dialogues Table
Date	8 Jul 2023
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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia VI - Government-ELN post-2015 process

Parties

For the National Government
Daniel Rueda Rodriguez
High Commissioner for Peace

For the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP
Andrey Abendano Guevara
Head of the Peace Dialogues Commission of the
Central General Staff of the FARC-EP

Third parties -

Description

The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP declared the initiation of a Peace Dialogue Table to discuss and approve a temporary, national ceasefire. The preliminary phase of the dialogue will involve representatives from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, UN Verification Mission in Colombia, the MAPP OEA, the Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches; they will discuss the protection of communities, civilian population, and adjustments to the ceasefire protocol, among other agenda points. In their joint statement, both parties expressed a strong intention to construct a peace agreement to end the armed confrontation and promote comprehensive, stable, and enduring peace, with an emphasis on social and environmental justice.

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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.

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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians
(i) adjustments to the national bilateral and temporary ceasefire protocol, the protection of communities and the civilian population in general, and implementation of the Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism at national and local levels;
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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 The parties reaffirm their strong commitment towards the construction of a Peace Agreement that puts an end to the armed confrontation and that fosters the establishment of enduring, inclusive peace characterized by social and environmental justice.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees In this preliminary stage, a National Confidence Building and Contingency Resolution Team will be established, made up of representatives of the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP, officials from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and representatives from the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, the MAPP OAS, the Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches, with the corresponding security and protection measures.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
During the Peace Dialogue Table, the parties will discuss and approve a national bilateral and temporary ceasefire.
(i) adjustments to the national bilateral and temporary ceasefire protocol, the protection of communities and the civilian population in general, and implementation of the Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism at national and local levels;
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Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

The National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARCEP announce that they have reached an agreement to engage in a Peace Dialogue Table.

For this purpose, from today until the installation date, representatives from the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP will begin the preliminary phase of the Peace Dialogue Table, with the permanent presence of officials from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and representatives of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, the MAPP OAS, the Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches.

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In the upcoming days, the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP will publicly disclose the identities of their delegation members.

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	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 For this purpose, from today until the installation date, representatives from the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP will begin the preliminary phase of the Peace Dialogue Table, with the permanent presence of officials from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and representatives of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, the MAPP OAS, the Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source No specific mention.
