

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Acuerdo de Cese al Fuego Bilateral, Nacional y Temporal el Gobierno de la Republica de Colombia y el Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional - ELN (Segundo Acuerdo de Cuba)
<b>Date</b>	9 Jun 2023
<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>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Colombia VI - Government-ELN post-2015 process

**Parties**

Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Colombia:

José Otty Patiño Hormaza, Head of delegation  
Iván Danilo Rueda Rodríguez, High Commissioner for Peace  
Orlando Romero Reyes  
Rosmery Quintero Castro  
Horacio Guerrero García  
Adelaida Jiménez Cortés  
Carlos Alfonso Rosero  
Olga Lilia Silva López  
Iván Cepeda Castro  
José Félix Lafaurie Rivera  
Dayana Paola Urzola Domicó  
Rodrigo Botero García  
Nigeria Rentería Lozano  
Álvaro Matallana Eslava  
María José Pizarro Rodríguez.

Delegation of the Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN:

Pablo Beltrán, Head of delegation  
Aureliano Carbonell  
Bernardo Téllez  
Isabel Torres  
Manuel Gustavo Martínez  
María Consuelo Tapias  
Tomás García Laviana  
Simón Pabón  
Mauricio Iguarán.

**Third parties**

As observer of the armed forces:

Maj. Gen. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto.

As witnesses and depositaries (Guarantor countries):

Glivânia Maria de Oliveira, Federative Republic of Brazil  
Eugenio Martínez Enríquez, Republic of Cuba  
Jon Otto Brødholt, Kingdom of Norway  
Raúl Vergara Meneses, Republic of Chile  
Claudia Helietta González Hernández, United Mexican States  
Gen. Carlos Martínez Mendoza, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.  
Permanent accompanying partners:

Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General  
Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria, Delegate for Church-State Relations, Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

**Description** This document was signed on 9 June 2023 to enhance humanitarian conditions in Colombia by pausing offensive operations between Colombian armed forces, police, law enforcement agencies, and the ELN. This ceasefire, governed by international humanitarian law and peace talk agreements, aims to de-escalate conflict, foster societal participation in peace processes, and address humanitarian crises. A monitoring and verification mechanism, involving the Government of Colombia, ELN, United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, will oversee compliance, emphasizing good faith, political will, and transparent communication throughout this temporary ceasefire period.

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**Agreement document** [CO\\_230609\\_Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional \(National Liberation Army\) \(Second Cuba Agreement\).pdf \(opens in new tab\) | Download PDF](#)

**Agreement document (original language)** [CO\\_230906\\_Acuerdo de Cese al Fuego Bilateral, Nacional y Temporal el Gobierno de la Republica de Colombia y el Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional - ELN \(Segundo Acuerdo de Cuba\).pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

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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** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**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.

<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	7. The peace talks panel of the Government of Colombia and ELN shall create a monitoring and verification mechanism with a national, regional and local presence, comprised of representatives of the Government, ELN, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	7. The peace talks panel of the Government of Colombia and ELN shall create a monitoring and verification mechanism with a national, regional and local presence, comprised of representatives of the Government, ELN, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia. 8. The components of the monitoring and verification mechanism, the Episcopal Conference of Colombia and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall coordinate with social organizations to establish a social monitoring body (“veeduría social”), which is understood to be a coordinated network of local and regional teams to strengthen monitoring activities aimed at preventing armed incidents between the parties and reporting and raising alerts about the presence of and actions by any armed actor against the life and security of the communities. (5) Specific role of the Catholic Church;
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	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** 1. This agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire has international humanitarian law as its common frame of reference, particularly Additional Protocol II of 1977 to the Geneva Conventions and the agreements of the peace talks panel.

**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** Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles  
5. To comply with this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and prevent and resolve incidents that may arise in the course of its implementation, the Government of Colombia and ELN shall be guided by the principles of good faith, political will, respectful language, and delivery of rigorous, truthful and timely information to the media and communication channels and in the educational work agreed upon.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other  
(6) Security and protection of the members of the monitoring and verification mechanism;

**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** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance  
4. The objectives of this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire are to de-escalate the conflict, develop humanitarian dynamics and actions, foster the participation of society in the peace process, and establish humanitarian agreements for the regions of Colombia with the deepest humanitarian crisis as determined by the peace talks panel of the Government of Colombia and ELN.  
9. The regions most affected by the armed conflict and humanitarian crisis shall be a priority for the operation and consolidation of the local and regional liaison, communication and monitoring activities of the monitoring and verification mechanism in order to identify and detect the actions of armed actors in a timely manner, including attacks against civilians or one of the parties that may affect and interfere with the implementation of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

**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**

- (6) Security and protection of the members of the monitoring and verification mechanism;
- (7) Security for ELN and the places where it operates;

## Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

1. This agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire has international humanitarian law as its common frame of reference, particularly Additional Protocol II of 1977 to the Geneva Conventions and the agreements of the peace talks panel.

2. As of the entry into effect of this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the armed forces, the police, and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia, on the one hand, and ELN, on the other, shall suspend all offensive operations, including intelligence operations, against each other.

3. The armed forces, the police and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia and ELN shall maintain defensive operations.

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6. Upon the announcement of this agreement, the parties shall start a process of preparations for the bilateral ceasefire.

From 9 June to 5 July 2023 the process of preparation shall include, among other activities, the creation of a communication channel between the parties through the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Colombia, the drafting of pending protocols, the start of educational activities, and the preparation for the implementation of the monitoring and verification mechanism.

The parties' orders to cease offensive operations shall take effect on 6 July 2023.

The full implementation of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire shall begin on 3 August 2023 with the implementation of all the protocols and the full functioning of all bodies of the monitoring and verification mechanism.

The 180-day period of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire shall begin on this date, with the intention that it will be continued, subject to an evaluation by the parties.

7. The peace talks panel of the Government of Colombia and ELN shall create a monitoring and verification mechanism with a national, regional and local presence, comprised of representatives of the Government, ELN, the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

Its function shall be to monitor and verify compliance with the agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its objectives.

The mandate of the monitoring and verification mechanism and its relationship with the peace talks panel shall be governed by a specific protocol.

8. The components of the monitoring and verification mechanism, the Episcopal Conference of Colombia and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall coordinate with social organizations to establish a social monitoring body ("veeduría social"), which is understood to be a coordinated network of local and regional teams to strengthen monitoring activities aimed at preventing armed incidents between the parties and reporting and raising alerts about the presence of and actions by any armed actor against the life and security of the communities.

9. The regions most affected by the armed conflict and humanitarian crisis shall be a priority for the operation and consolidation of the local and regional liaison, communication and monitoring activities of the monitoring and verification mechanism in order to identify and detect the actions of armed actors in a timely manner, including attacks against civilians or one of the parties that may affect and interfere with the implementation of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

**Police**

2. As of the entry into effect of this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the armed forces, the police, and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia, on the one hand, and ELN, on the other, shall suspend all offensive operations, including intelligence operations, against each other.

3. The armed forces, the police and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia and ELN shall maintain defensive operations.

12. The Government of Colombia shall give the necessary and precise orders to the armed forces, the police, and the State law enforcement agencies of Colombia to comply with the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

The Government of Colombia shall also provide them with guidance and educational exercises to study and learn about the protocols and agreements that must be observed as part of this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

**Armed forces**

2. As of the entry into effect of this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the armed forces, the police, and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia, on the one hand, and ELN, on the other, shall suspend all offensive operations, including intelligence operations, against each other.

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**DDR**

No specific mention.

**Intelligence services**

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**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces**

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5. To comply with this agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and prevent and resolve incidents that may arise in the course of its implementation, the Government of Colombia and ELN shall be guided by the principles of good faith, political will, respectful language, and delivery of rigorous, truthful and timely information to the media and communication channels and in the educational work agreed upon.

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13. ELN shall give the necessary and precise orders to all its units to comply with the agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

It shall also provide them with guidance and educational exercises to study and learn about the protocols and agreements that must be observed as part of the present agreement.

**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.

<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**

**UN signatory** Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General

**Other international signatory** As observer of the armed forces:  
Maj. Gen. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto.  
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Raúl Vergara Meneses, Republic of Chile  
Claudia Helietta González Hernández, United Mexican States  
Gen. Carlos Martínez Mendoza, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

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(3) Mandate of the monitoring and verification mechanism;

(6) Security and protection of the members of the monitoring and verification mechanism;

(8) Social monitoring body and humanitarian protection mechanisms;

**Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source**

No specific mention.