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Country/ entity Colombia

Region Americas

Agreement name 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)

Date 9 Jun 2023

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim arrangement Yes

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

Stage Ceasefire/related

Conflict nature Government

Peace process Colombia VI - Government-ELN post-2015 process

Parties Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Colombia:

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Iván Danilo Rueda Rodríguez, High Commissioner for Peace
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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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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 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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

Traditional/ religious leaders	<p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>(5) Specific role of the Catholic Church; (📄 Locate in agreement)</p>
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
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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	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. (📄 Locate in agreement)
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 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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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; (6) Locate in agreement)
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 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. (☐ Locate in agreement)

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. (☐ Locate in agreement)

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

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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6. Upon the announcement of this agreement, the parties shall start a process of preparations for the bilateral ceasefire. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

The parties' orders to cease offensive operations shall take effect on 6 July 2023. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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

The mandate of the monitoring and verification mechanism and its

Police	<p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>3. The armed forces, the police and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia and ELN shall maintain defensive operations. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p>
Armed forces	<p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>3. The armed forces, the police and the law enforcement agencies of Colombia and ELN shall maintain defensive operations. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p> <p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p>
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	<p>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. (📄 Locate in agreement)</p>

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces

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(7) Security for ELN and the places where it operates; (🔒 Locate in agreement)

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

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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 Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (📄 Locate in agreement)

Other international signatory As observer of the armed forces: (☐ Locate in agreement)
Maj. Gen. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto. (☐ Locate in agreement)
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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism 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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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The mandate of the monitoring and verification mechanism and its relationship with the peace talks panel shall be governed by a specific protocol. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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. (📄 Locate in agreement)

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(3) Mandate of the monitoring and verification mechanism; (📄 Locate in agreement)

(6) Security and protection of the members of the monitoring and verification mechanism; (📄 Locate in agreement)

(8) Social monitoring body and humanitarian protection mechanisms; (📄 Locate in agreement)

Related cases No specific mention.

Source No specific mention.
