

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Protocolo Sobre La Seguridad Para El ELN Y Los Lugares Donde Hace Presencia En El Marco Del Acuerdo De Cese Al Fuego Bilateral, Nacional Y Temporal - CFBNT Entre El Gobierno De La Republica De Colombia Y El Ejercito De Liberacion Nacional - ELN
Date	13 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	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia VI - Government-ELN post-2015 process

Parties

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As witnesses and depositaries (Guarantor countries):

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Permanent accompanying partners:

(Signed) Angela Bargellini, Delegate of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Colombia
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Description This agreement is an ancillary to the "Agreement on a Temporary Bilateral National Ceasefire" between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the ELN. It delineates procedures to avert incidents during the ceasefire. Instituted on 9 June 2023, and further detailed in Havana, Cuba, on 13 July 2023, this protocol specifies communication protocols between ELN fronts and the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, facilitated by the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, to ensure ELN's security measures and prevent armed confrontations. The protocol establishes secure communication channels for ELN to relay defense and security actions, appoints ELN liaisons for coordination with the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, and outlines the responsibilities of government representatives in the mechanism to coordinate with military and police units to prevent incidents. This document is part of a broader effort to maintain ceasefire conditions and foster an environment conducive to ongoing peace negotiations, with signatories from both the Colombian government and the ELN, as well as observer status for representatives of the armed forces and guarantor countries.

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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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics

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3. ELN shall use its own communication channels to transmit information concerning the above-mentioned points in an appropriate and timely manner to the ELN component of the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, as well as to the relevant regional or local bodies through the components of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

4. Through each war front, ELN shall establish with the components of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia the ELN communications liaisons in the local and regional bodies of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

In order to prevent incidents, the secure system used by the ELN component to communicate with all bodies of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall be established by ELN in agreement with the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

The national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall arrange for the security of the ELN communications liaisons who are members of the Mechanism.

5. The ELN component in the national body shall maintain its system for secure communication with all regional and local ELN communications liaisons.

Mobility/access 6. In the event that an ELN member of the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism must travel to a specific place where a war front is present, his or her security shall be arranged with the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

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**

Pursuant to the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) (Agreement No.

10 second Cuba Agreement) signed on 9 June 2023 and its Protocols, the present Protocol establishes the procedures for the prevention of incidents that might arise from the application of security measures for ELN and the places where it is present.

1. ELN shall maintain its own security and defense measures in the places where it is present in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire (Agreement No.

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6. In the event that an ELN member of the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism must travel to a specific place where a war front is present, his or her security shall be arranged with the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

Through the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia or the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, the representatives shall receive, send to, or request from the ELN component in the relevant body of the Mechanism pertinent or useful information with a view to preventing armed incidents between the parties.

8. Through the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia or the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, the ELN component in all bodies of the Mechanism shall receive from, send to, or request from the representatives of the Government appointed to the national, regional, and local bodies of the Mechanism pertinent or useful information with a view to preventing armed incidents between the parties.

9. When the situation mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Protocol on specific actions arises, the parties shall immediately inform the Mechanism so that it may intervene in an appropriate and timely manner through each party's component in order to clarify the situation.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

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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**

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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

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(Signed) Gen. Carlos Martínez Mendoza, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar

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Enforcement mechanism

No specific mention.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

No specific mention.