

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Acuerdo sobre Reglamento para la Zona de Encuentro, Gobierno Nacional-ELN
<b>Date</b>	14 Dec 2000
<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>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Colombia III - Arango
<b>Parties</b>	Gobierno Nacional-ELN

**Third parties**

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**Description**

This is an agreement on the regulations governing the encounter zone established by the government to advance the negotiations. It details the objective of the zone; its limits and duration with provisions on how to extend or end the existence of this zone; its general rules and workings; the dispositions for the participation of the population within the zone; human rights; arrangements for civil police (incl. recruitment, arms they carry, their movements, there is more in annex 2); judiciary; individual liberties; the cultivation of illicit products; the environment; and finally the air space.

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**Agreement document**

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**Women, girls and gender****Participation**

No specific mention.

**Equality**

No specific mention.

**Particular groups of women**

Particular groups of women→Pregnancy/maternity  
Page 303, HUMAN RIGHTS  
... 29. ... Special protection to pregnant women, the elderly and the children will also be provided.

**International law**

No specific mention.

**New institutions**

No specific mention.

**Violence against women**

No specific mention.

**Transitional justice**

No specific mention.

**Institutional reform**

No specific mention.

**Development**

No specific mention.

**Implementation**

No specific mention.

**Other**

No specific mention.

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