

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Protocolo de Acciones Específicas para el Cese al Fuego Bilateral, Temporal y Nacional entre el Gobierno Nacional y el Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional - ELN
<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  
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Horacio Guerrero García  
Adelaida Jiménez Cortés  
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Rodrigo Botero García  
Nigeria Rentería Lozano  
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Delegation of the Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN:

Pablo Beltrán, Head of delegation  
Aureliano Carbonell  
Bernardo Téllez  
Isabel Torres  
Manuel Gustavo Martínez  
María Consuelo Tapías  
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** Short protocol agreement connected to the bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN). The agreement substantively sets out the conditions to be followed by the parties in adherence with the ceasefire, namely the actions of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM). Beyond general discouragement of violence or hostile language between parties, the agreement provides for the mobility and access of the MVM around the country, generally calling for humanitarian structures to be uninhibited and for clear communication of the ceasefire and humanitarian agreements to people and between the parties.

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

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## **Women, girls and gender**

**Participation** No specific mention.

**Equality** No specific mention.

**Particular groups of women** No specific mention.

**International law** International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL  
These specific actions are framed in terms of international humanitarian law to create the conditions for civilians, especially the most vulnerable communities, including social and environmental leaders, ethnic peoples, women, human rights defenders and children, to exercise their rights and freedoms.

**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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