

COMMUNICATION NO. 1: SINGLE INFORMATION MECHANISM

La Machaca, San Vicente del Caguán, 9 January 1999

The spokespeople for the national government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular*, FARC–EP), present in La Machaca in the municipality of San Vicente del Caguán in the department of Caquetá on 9 January 1999, agree the following:

1. To affirm to all Colombians our irrenunciable desire to contribute to building a fair, peaceful and socially just country with sustainable peace, clarifying that we face a long and sensitive process that will require collective support to bring about a new reality through profound social, economic and political changes.
2. To establish a single mechanism for providing the public with information on the progress of the talks by issuing joint written communications to be released after each session.
3. To ensure the media provides objective information on the progress of the peace process, request that it bases reports on these communications, avoiding interpretations that could damage the talks.
4. To convene the next working session for Monday, 11 January 1999 at 09:00 in La Machaca in the municipality of San Vicente del Caguán.

For the national government:

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