

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo Inicial entre el Gobierno Nacional, las Milicias Populares del Pueblo y para el Pueblo y las Milicias Populares Independientes del Valle de Aburrá
Date	15 Feb 1994
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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia I - Gaviria

Parties

Por el Gobierno: FABIO VILLEGAS RAMÍREZ Ministro de Gobierno CARLOS E. JARAMILLO CASTILLO Consejero Presidencia para la Paz JORGE ORLANDO MELO Consejero Presidencial para Medellín y su Area Metropolitana CAMILO GRANADA Consejero Presidencial para la Seguridad Nacional JUAN GÓMEZ MARTÍNEZ Gobernador de Antioquia LUIS ALFREDO RAMOS BOTERO Alcalde de Medellín TOMÁS CONCHA SANZ Jefe Programa de Reinserción

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ARLES AGUIRRE ROBERTO EMILIO BEDOYA CARLOS CORREA

Por las Milicias Populares Independientes del Valle de Aburrá:
FERLY WIMAN OROZCO M. ARLES RODRÍGUEZ MORA HÉCTOR FABIO BENITEZ

Third parties

Representante de la Iglesia:
MONSEÑOR HÉCTOR FABIO HENAO GAVIRIA Testigo-Tutor

TESTIGOS:
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Description

This is an agreement on the initiation of a negotiation process with goal to demobilisation, decommissioning and reinsertion, elaboration of agenda and working methods to facilitate the process and to verify the agreed compromises, invitation to regional and urban government as well as the Catholic Church to join the negotiations, and seeking the support of the media and the population for the process.

Agreement document

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Agreement document (original language)

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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 Page 1, Untitled Preamble,
[...]
MP/PP and MP/IVA acknowledge that the situation in terms of public order, social, economic, political and cultural aspects, and violence being experienced by the city, particularly in the communities in the northeast and northwest zones, requires not the armed conflict of members of the community but the strengthening of the institutional presence of a social state backed by the rule of law, in addition to legal and constitutional instruments, and the democratic participation of an organised community to achieve peace and promote the common good.
[...]

Page 2, Article 5,
Invite the media and the community in general to follow and support the negotiations to ensure they represent a special contribution to the peace process for Medellín, Antioquia and the country as a whole.

Annex, Page 2, Article 8c,
The tasks to be carried out during the talks will include:
c. To cover the requirements of activities prior to demobilisation and disarmament, the government will provide COP 30 million to be managed by an NGO in the city of Medellín, subject to the approval of plans for activities by the government.

Traditional/religious leaders Page 2, Article 4,
Invite the Catholic Church to act as moral tutor of the process and witness to the negotiations and any agreements that are reached.

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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 roles
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Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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International funds	No specific mention.
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Business	No specific mention.
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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** Annex, Pages 1-2, Article 4,
The government will declare the venue of negotiations a special demilitarised zone under Law 104, 1993, and the following procedures and mechanisms will apply:

Annex, Page 1, Article 4b,
State security organisations will not be present in the demilitarised zone.

Annex, Page 2, Article 4d,
The access of visitors to the demilitarised site will be free but controlled. For this purpose, a control post will be established at the official access point to the demilitarised site. The post will be manned by staff from the Council for Peace, supported by the public forces, and anyone entering will be required to record their name, ID number, date of entry and exit on a form that will be issued and processed by the Council for Peace.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces Annex, Page 2, Article 4e,
Armed Forces will be present to support representatives of the Council for Peace at the access control point although their activities will be limited to searching people, luggage and vehicles.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 1, Untitled Preamble, [...] The government recognises the phenomenon of popular militias as an expression of the conflicts being experienced by the city of Medellín and a factor of violence that merits treatment under article 14 of Law 104, 1993. [...]</p> <p>Annex, Page 1, Article 2, The government undertakes to study as soon as possible the legal circumstances of each of the members of MP/PP and MP/IVA in the lists referred to above. The government will set out the alternative legal solutions at the talks in line with the types of cases for members of the organisations.</p> <p>Annex, Page 1, Article 3, A total of five spokespeople will be appointed for negotiations by MP/PP and MP/IVA. The government will provide bodyguards and vehicles for the security of the spokespeople. The functions and obligations of the spokespeople will be defined at the talks, in addition to the specific operating mechanisms for the security arrangements.</p> <p>Annex, Page 1, Article 4a, The MP/PP and MP/IVA negotiators will be present in this zone for the duration of the negotiations, in addition to the members of their internal security teams.</p> <p>Annex, Page 2, Article 4c, For the duration of the negotiation process, only people acting as spokespeople for the militias will be able to circulate outside the demilitarised zone.</p> <p>Annex, Page 2, Article 5, The government negotiating commission will comprise the people appointed by the government for this purpose. The negotiating commissions for MP/PP and MP/IVA will each have three members who will be permanently stationed at the site chosen for the negotiations.</p> <p>Annex, Page 2, Article 6, For the duration of the negotiations, the government will provide accommodation and food for the MP/PP and MP/IVA negotiators and their internal security teams.</p> <p>Annex, Page 2, Article 7, The agenda for the negotiations will include the study of favourability mechanisms for the zones where MP/PP and MP/IVA are present to guarantee the increased activities of state institutions and programmes in these areas.</p>
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
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Drugs	No specific mention.
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Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
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Courts	No specific mention.
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Mechanism	No specific mention.
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Prisoner release	No specific mention.
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Vetting	No specific mention.
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Victims	No specific mention.
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Missing persons	No specific mention.
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Reparations	No specific mention.
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Reconciliation	No specific mention.
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Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	Acuerdos con el EPL, MAQL y CRS, Diálogos con la CGSB, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1990-1994, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book III) p. 393
