Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Joint Communiqué, Havana, July 17, 2014
Date	17 Jul 2014
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 V - Santos
Parties	The agreement is a joint communication of the National Government and the FARC-EP

Third parties	-
Description	The communique informs the public that the negotiating parties agreed on a participation mechanism for the victims of the conflict in the negotiations. It also provides for the selection criteria and the organization of the victims' delegations.

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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, [...] At the request of the Table, the organization and the selection process for the delegations will be in charge of the Office of the United Nations in Colombia and the National University's Peace Process Think Tank and Follow-up Center (Centro de Pensamiento y Seguimiento al Proceso de Paz de la Universidad Nacional), in consultations with different associations of victims of the conflict. [...] Pages 1-2, [...] The delegations received the preliminary conclusions of the First Victims' Forum organized in Villavicencio by the Office of the United Nations in Colombia and the National University's Peace Think Tank (Centro de Pensamiento para la Paz de la Universidad Nacional). We thank the victims' voices and invite them to continue participating in the following forums and to send their proposals through the web page www.mesadeconversaciones.com.co. [...]
Traditional/ religious leaders	Page 1, [...] We invite the Episcopal Conference to accompany said process in order to contribute in guaranteeing compliance with the criteria set forth hereafter. [...]
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	Page 1, Selection criteria: The main criteria for the selection of the delegations are balance, pluralism and fairness, which should be reflected in the composition of each one of the delegations. In particular, the delegations should reflect the whole universe of human rights violations and IHL infractions that have taken place throughout the internal conflict, taking the different social sectors, populations and the regional approach into account. [...]
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	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
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	Page 2, [...] Furthermore, the delegations agreed to set in motion the Historical Committee of the Conflict and its victims and we will meet this coming July 25 to continue working on the preparation of this Committee. [...]
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	[Summary: The whole agreement provides for an agreed mechanism for the direct participation of the victims of the internal conflict at the Dialogue Table in Havana. It lists several criteria for the selection of the delegations, provides for details on the set up of the delegations and stresses that the main goal is to end the conflict and achieve reconciliation. For detailed provisions see civil society, religious groups, human rights, equality, reconciliation, past provision and international mission.]
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	Page 1, [...] The participation of the delegations is framed within the goal of ending the conflict and achieving reconciliation. [...]

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	Page 1, [...] At the request of the Table, the organization and the selection process for the delegations will be in charge of the Office of the United Nations in Colombia and the National University's Peace Process Think Tank and Follow-up Center (Centro de Pensamiento y Seguimiento al Proceso de Paz de la Universidad Nacional), in consultations with different associations of victims of the conflict. [...]
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.