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| **Country/entity** | Colombia |
| **Region** | Americas |
| **Agreement name** | Sante Fe de Ralito Accord to contribute to peace in Colombia |
| **Date** | 15 Jul 2003 |
| **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.

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Colombian Conflict (1964 - )

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| **Stage** | Pre-negotiation/process |
| **Conflict nature** | Government |
| **Peace process** | Colombia IV - Uribe |
| **Parties** | National Govt, United Self-Defence Groups of Colombia (AUC) |

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| **Third parties** | Witnesses: Exploratory Commission for Peace (govt established body to hold talks with AUC), Catholic Church |
| **Description** | Parties commit to DDR of AUC, and endorse proposals of government established body Exploratory Commission for Peace |

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**Groups**

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| **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. |

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**Gender**

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| **Women, girls and gender** | No specific mention. |
| **Men and boys** | No specific mention. |
| **LGBTI** | No specific mention. |
| **Family** | No specific mention. |

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**State definition**

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| **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. |

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**Governance**

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| **Political institutions (new or reformed)** | No specific mention. |
| **Elections** | No specific mention. |

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| **Electoral commission** | No specific mention. |
| **Political parties reform** | No specific mention. |
| **Civil society** | Pages 1-2, Article 8,<br>Thank the Catholic Church for its permanent presence throughout this peace process and invite it to continue this as a guarantee of the processes' transparency and parties' commitment to peace in Colombia.<br><br>Page 2, Article 9,<br>Call for national solidarity and commitment in order to strengthen the State and to create the conditions that will make possible the demobilization and reincorporation of the members of the AUC into civilian life. The parties ask that the different national sectors and local communities support the efforts of the State institutions in consolidating security, peaceful coexistence and development. |
| **Traditional/ religious leaders** | Pages 1-2, Article 8,<br>Thank the Catholic Church for its permanent presence throughout this peace process and invite it to continue this as a guarantee of the processes' transparency and parties' commitment to peace in Colombia. |
| **Public administration** | No specific mention. |
| **Constitution** | No specific mention. |

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**Power sharing**

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| **Political power sharing** | No specific mention. |
| **Territorial power sharing** | No specific mention. |
| **Economic power sharing** | No specific mention. |
| **Military power sharing** | No specific mention. |

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**Human rights and equality**

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| **Human rights/RoL general** | No specific mention. |
| **Bill of rights/similar** | No specific mention. |

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| **Treaty incorporation** | No specific mention. |
| **Civil and political rights** | No specific mention. |
| **Socio-economic rights** | No specific mention. |

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**Rights related issues**

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| **Citizenship** | No specific mention. |
| **Democracy** | Page 1, Article 1,<br>To define as the objective of this process the establishment of national peace through the strengthening of democratic governance and the re-establishment of the monopoly of force in the hands of the State. The AUC reiterate that its greatest service to the country in this historic moment is to advance its reincorporation into civilian life and to contribute to the strengthening to the rule of law. The parties commit themselves to this process conscious that their actions are an effective step towards the construction of a genuine peace that the Colombian people deserve and desire.<br><br>Page 1, Article 7,<br>The AUC shares the government's goal of a Colombia without narco-trafficking and supports the actions of the Colombian State against this phenomenon that destroys democracy, peaceful coexistence, the economy and the environment.<br><br>Page 2, Article 10,<br>Call on the international community to support the efforts to defend and strengthen the Colombian democracy and to give their support to deactivating the causes of violence that affects Colombia. |
| **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. |

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**Rights institutions**

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| **NHRI** | No specific mention. |
| **Regional or international human rights institutions** | No specific mention. |

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**Justice sector reform**

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| **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. |

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**Socio-economic reconstruction**

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| **Development or socio-economic reconstruction** | Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development<br>Page 1, Article 7,<br>The AUC shares the government's goal of a Colombia without narco-trafficking and supports the actions of the Colombian State against this phenomenon that destroys democracy, peaceful coexistence, the economy and the environment. |
| **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. |

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**Land, property and environment**

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| **Land reform/rights** | No specific mention. |
| **Pastoralist/ nomadism rights** | No specific mention. |
| **Cultural heritage** | No specific mention. |
| **Environment** | Page 1, Article 7,<br>The AUC shares the government's goal of a Colombia without narco-trafficking and supports the actions of the Colombian State against this phenomenon that destroys democracy, peaceful coexistence, the economy and the environment. |
| **Water or riparian rights or access** | No specific mention. |

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**Security sector**

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| **Security Guarantees** | No specific mention. |
| **Ceasefire** | Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments<br>Page 1, Article 6,<br>The AUC ratifies its commitment to the end of hostilities, as a good will gesture, and will continue with its efforts to ensure that this is completely effective. |
| **Police** | No specific mention. |
| **Armed forces** | No specific mention. |
| **DDR** | Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes<br>Page 1, Article 1,<br>To define as the objective of this process the establishment of national peace through the strengthening of democratic governance and the re-establishment of the monopoly of force in the hands of the State. The AUC reiterate that its greatest service to the country in this historic moment is to advance its reincorporation into civilian life and to contribute to the strengthening to the rule of law. The parties commit themselves to this process conscious that their actions are an effective step towards the construction of a genuine peace that the Colombian people deserve and desire.<br><br>Page 1, Article 2,<br>To achieve this proposition the AUC commits itself to the total demobilization of its members through a gradual process that will begin with the first demobilisations before the end of the year and that should be completed no later than the 31 December 2005. The government commits itself to pursue the necessary actions to reincorporate the AUC's members into civilian life.<br><br>Page 1, Article 5,<br>Create the conditions so that within a reasonable time period - with the necessary security guarantees - members of the AUC will congregate in previously agreed upon locations. The congregation of the AUC's members will include all levels of command, with the necessary security guarantees as agreed between the parties. These zones will have a permanent public security force presence.<br><br>Page 2, Article 9,<br>Call for national solidarity and commitment in order to strengthen the State and to create the conditions that will make possible the demobilization and reincorporation of the members of the AUC into civilian life. The parties ask that the different national sectors and local communities support the efforts of the State institutions in consolidating security, peaceful coexistence and development. |
| **Intelligence services** | No specific mention. |

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| **Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** | [Summary]<br>The agreement mainly deals with the demobilisation of the AUC. For detailed provisions please see 'DDR', 'ceasefire', and 'organised crime'. |
| **Withdrawal of foreign forces** | No specific mention. |
| **Corruption** | No specific mention. |
| **Crime/organised crime** | No specific mention. |
| **Drugs** | Page 1, Article 7,<br>The AUC shares the government's goal of a Colombia without narco-trafficking and supports the actions of the Colombian State against this phenomenon that destroys democracy, peaceful coexistence, the economy and the environment. |
| **Terrorism** | No specific mention. |

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**Transitional justice**

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

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**Implementation**

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| **UN signatory** | No specific mention. |
| **Other international signatory** | No specific mention. |
| **Referendum for agreement** | No specific mention. |
| **International mission/force/ similar** | No specific mention. |
| **Enforcement mechanism** | 8. Thanks the Catholic Church for its permanent presence throughout the peace process, and invite it to continue as guarantor to the process. (Catholic Church witness and signatory to the process). 10. call on intl community to spport the efforts to defend and strengthen Colombian democracy and deactivating the causes of violence |