

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Declaracion de Ginebra
Date	25 Jul 2000
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 III - Arango
Parties	Por el Gobierno colombiano: CAMILO GÓMEZ ALZATE Alto Comisionado para la Paz Por el Ejército de Liberación Nacional: ANTONIO GARCÍA

Third parties 'As witnesses': Cuban ambassador to Colombia, Spanish ambassador to Switzerland, Spanish ambassador to Colombia, Spanish UN delegate, Spanish rep to Latin America, Norwegian ambassador to Guatemala, Swiss ambassador to Colombia, ICRC

Description Statement from parties meeting in Geneva, restating endorsement of the peace process, noting intl commitment to the process through formation of group of friends (Switzerland, Norway, France, Spain and Cuba). Prompted by recent hostilities between state forces and ELN, parties commit to finalize agreement on application of IHL.

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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, Article 4,
In the spirit of the National Consensus for Peace in Colombia, which has been accepted by the meeting, we believe that the national convention set out in the Puerta del Cielo agreement is indispensable as a broad dialogue space for talks and finding solutions to the problems facing our country. We accept the structure proposed by the preparatory commission for the convention and invite the various sectors of society to actively participate in its implementation.

Page 1, Article 5,
The progress and consolidation of the peace process requires the strengthening of trust between the parties, the overcoming of obstacles and difficulties, and the support and commitment of the various sectors of society.

Page 2, Article 6,
The members of Colombian society involved in the meeting urge the parties to proceed swiftly in reaching an agreement to allow the full application of international humanitarian law in the context of the agenda defined between them.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** No specific mention.

**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 2, Article 6,
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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	Page 1, Article 3, As a result of the armed confrontation that has taken place in the south of Bolívar in recent days, serious difficulties have arisen in the process between the national government and ELN. In light of these circumstances, the friendly countries and the facilitation commission will foster the creation of the conditions required to continue with the process.
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	Page 2, Article 7, This meeting for the Consensus for Peace in Colombia is an important step in strengthening the peace process between the national government and ELN. We will work to create conditions that favour the convergence of the various peace processes that are underway.
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	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.

Implementation

UN signatory	Page 2, Signatories, CRISTINA DÍAZ, Consejera de la Misión Permanente de Espana ante las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra
Other international signatory	Pages 2-3, Signatories, CARLOS AMAT FORÉS, Embajador de Cuba FERNANDO ARIAS SALGADO, Embajador de Espana en Suiza YAGO PICO DE COAÑA, Embajador de Espana en Colombia MIGUEL DIAZ-PACHE, Asesor Político para América del Sur, de la Dirección de Política Exterior para Iberoamérica del Gobierno de Espana ... JEAN-MARC LAFORÉT, Director Adjunto para America del Sur; Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de Francia ARNE AASHEIM, Embajador de Noruega en Guatemala VIKTOR CHRISTEN, Embajador de Suiza en Colombia KARL MAITU, Comité Internacional de la Cruz Roja
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
