

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo sobre las Audiencias Públicas, Comunicado no. 3 de la Mesa de Dialogos y Negociacion
Date	5 Nov 1999
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	<p>For the National Government:</p> <p>VÍCTOR G. RICARDO, High Commissioner</p> <p>CAMILO A. GÓMEZ, Negotiator</p> <p>FABIO VALENCIA COSSIO, Negotiator</p> <p>PEDRO GOMEZ BARRERO, Negotiator</p> <p>JUAN GABRIEL URIBE, Negotiator</p> <p>GONZALO FORERO DELGADILLO, Negotiator</p> <p>NESTOR HUMBERTO MARTINEZ, Coordinator of the Thematic Committee</p> <p>MAURICIO CÁRDENAS, Thematic Committee</p> <p>ANDRÉS GONZÁLEZ DÍAZ, Thematic Committee</p> <p>ARMANDO POMÁRICO, Thematic Committee</p> <p>MIGUEL PINEDO VIDAL, Thematic Committee</p> <p>JUAN GÓMEZ MARTÍNEZ, Thematic Committee</p> <p>JORGE GÓMEZ DUARTE, Thematic Committee</p>
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Third parties	-
Description	Sets out the functions and powers of the technical committee that serves National Dialogue and Negotiation Body; and the method of conducting the public audiences of the National Dialogue Body

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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.
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Accession/unification	No specific mention.
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Border delimitation	No specific mention.
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Cross-border provision	No specific mention.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	Summary: The entire agreement provides for the creation of the National Thematic Committee, an auxiliary body of the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation, consisting of up to 20 members representing the Colombian society. The committee will have two representatives, one from the government and one from the FARC-EP and a technical secretariat. It is supposed to hold public audiences, the guidelines for these audiences is also outlined in the agreement. For detailed provisions see communications and democracy.]
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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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 Pages 3-4, 2. Methodology for Public Audiences, Article 6,
Broad calls and invitations to the public will be made in line with the issues agreed by the assembly, using all possible media to allow those who are interested in the problem to be discussed at a given audience to attend. Under all circumstances the National Thematic Committee will guarantee the invitation and representative, open, democratic, ordered and plural participation of all members of the Colombian public.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 2, 1. Functions and Powers of the National Thematic Committee, Article 5, Statements by the National Thematic Committee, where relevant and necessary, will be made via communications produced in partnership and with the authorisation of the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation. The coordinators of the committee will act as spokespeople for this purpose.
	Page 3, 2. Methodology for Public Audiences, Article 5, The large-scale campaign for the promotion and explanation of the audiences must begin as soon as possible, using jointly prepared materials such as educational leaflets, posters, a website, cassettes and videos to be broadcast via mass media, the television station Señal Colombia (on large public screens where possible), and the radio station Radiodifusora Nacional.
	Page 4, 2. Methodology for Public Audiences, Article 9, The audiences will be transmitted live or via recordings broadcast by the television channel Señal Colombia and the radio station Radio Nacional. Large public screens will also be used for this purpose where possible.
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	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	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.

Source	Source: Diálogo, negociación y ruptura con las FARC-EP y con el ELN, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1998-2000, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book V) p. 188
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