

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Joint Communiqué #97
Date	6 Sep 2016
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	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia V - Santos
Parties	Government of Colombia FARC-EP

Third parties

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Description

An agreement providing for implementation modalities for demobilising children from FARC-EP

Agreement document

[CO_160906_Joint_communique97.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive [Summary: Agreement in entirety provides for demobilisation of children from FARC camps.]
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	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 1, The National Government and the FARC – EP, pursuant to joint communiqué # 96 dated September 2 whereby we agreed to start the departure process of the minors from the camps of the FARC – EP, hereby inform that we have agreed on a departure and transitory shelter protocol for boys, girls and adolescents leaving the FARC – EP camps. For that purpose, a transfer team will be formed from the exit point, made up by personnel of the International Committee of the Red Cross – ICRC- who will coordinate the operations, and two delegates of the social organizations that are part of the Technical Table created by means of Communiqué # 70 dated last May 15.
Social class	Groups→Social class→Rhetorical Page 1-2, We invite the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for Children and Armed Conflict; the Carter Center, the Geneva Call; the Coalition Against the Association of Boys, Girls and Youngsters to the Armed Conflict in Colombia, (Coalición contra la Vinculación de Niños, Niñas y Jóvenes al Conflicto Armado en Colombia – Coalico); the National Association of Peasant Reserve Zones (Asociación Nacional de Zonas de Reserva Campesina – Anzorc) and Communities Building Peace in the Territories (Comunidades Construyendo Paz en los Territorios – Conpaz), to support, accompany and/or oversee this protocol and the transitory reception plan.

Gender

Women, girls and gender

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Men and boys

Gender→Men and boys→Other

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LGBTI No specific mention.

Family Page 1,
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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	<p>Page 1, For that purpose, a transfer team will be formed from the exit point, made up by personnel of the International Committee of the Red Cross – ICRC- who will coordinate the operations, and two delegates of the social organizations that are part of the Technical Table created by means of Comunicado # 70 dated last May 15.</p> <p>...</p> <p>At the exit location, the ICRC will conduct a preliminary assessment of the physical and mental health conditions of the minors; it will verify their identities and their basic personal information, which will be recorded in the departure minutes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Upon conclusion of this stage, the transfer team will deliver the boys, girls and adolescents to the reception team made up with representatives of UNICEF who, with support from the IOM, will operate the transitory reception sites previously determined by UNICEF.</p> <p>Page 1-2,</p> <p>We invite the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations for Children and Armed Conflict; the Carter Center, the Geneva Call; the Coalition Against the Association of Boys, Girls and Youngsters to the Armed Conflict in Colombia, (Coalición contra la Vinculación de Niños, Niñas y Jóvenes al Conflicto Armado en Colombia – Coalico); the National Association of Peasant Reserve Zones (Asociación Nacional de Zonas de Reserva Campesina – Anzorc) and Communities Building Peace in the Territories (Comunidades Construyendo Paz en los Territorios – Conpaz), to support, accompany and/or oversee this protocol and the transitory reception plan.</p> <p>Page 2,</p> <p>The ICRC will be the only spokesperson in charge of publicly informing about the developments in the fulfillment of this protocol, in this first phase of the release of minors from the camps of the FARC – EP.</p>
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 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.

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance
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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

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The Commission for the Implementation, Follow-up and Verification of the Final Peace Agreement and Conflict Resolution (Comisión de Implementación, Seguimiento, Verificación del Acuerdo Final de Paz y de Resolución de Diferencias), agreed last August 24, will follow up the execution of the actions set forth in the protocol and the transitory reception plan.
