

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Protocolo del Mandato del Mecanismo de Monitoreo y Verificacion (MMv) Para el Cese al Fuego Bilateral, Nacional y Temporal (CFBNT), Entre El Gobierno Nacional Y El Ejercito De Liberacion Nacional-ELN
Date	9 Jun 2023
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 -
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Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with ELN

Parties

Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Colombia:

José Otty Patiño Hormaza, Head of delegation
Iván Danilo Rueda Rodríguez, High Commissioner for Peace
Orlando Romero Reyes
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Carlos Alfonso Rosero
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María José Pizarro Rodríguez.

Delegation of the Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN:

Pablo Beltrán, Head of delegation
Aureliano Carbonell
Bernardo Téllez
Isabel Torres
Manuel Gustavo Martínez
María Consuelo Tapias
Tomás García Laviana
Simón Pabón
Mauricio Iguarán.

Third parties

As observer of the armed forces:

Maj. Gen. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto.

As witnesses and depositaries (Guarantor countries):

Glivânia Maria de Oliveira, Federative Republic of Brazil
Eugenio Martínez Enríquez, Republic of Cuba
Jon Otto Brødholt, Kingdom of Norway
Raúl Vergara Meneses, Republic of Chile
Claudia Helietta González Hernández, United Mexican States
Gen. Carlos Martínez Mendoza, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
Permanent accompanying partners:

Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General
Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria, Delegate for Church-State Relations, Episcopal
Conference of Colombia.

Description This agreement establishes the structure and responsibilities of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism for overseeing the temporary ceasefire agreed on 8 June 2023. It details the composition and roles of the national, regional, and local bodies of the mechanism, which include members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, the Government of Colombia, ELN, and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia. These bodies are tasked with ensuring compliance with the ceasefire, preventing and resolving incidents, and supporting the peace process. The peace talks panel is designated as the highest decision-making authority on matters related to the ceasefire, based on reports and recommendations from the monitoring mechanism. This protocol is part of a broader effort to de-escalate conflict and advance peace negotiations in Colombia.

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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 No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders**

1. Components of the national body
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Two members from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia
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3. Regional body
3.1 Composition
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One member from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia
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4. Local body
4.1. Composition
...
One member from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia

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 Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person
2. Role of the national body

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k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

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
2. Role of the national body
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h. Present periodic evaluations on the implementation of its mandate to the parties and the public.
...
At the same time, each component shall communicate with the regional and local bodies through their respective communication channels.

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

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Pursuant to the agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire signed between the Government of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN (National Liberation Army) on 8 June 2023, the present protocol establishes the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

1. Components of the national body

At least four members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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At least three members from ELN

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2. Role of the national body

- a. Ensure the deployment of the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.
- b. Direct the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism and oversee the activities of its regional and local bodies.
- c. Provide technical findings on events that constitute possible incidents under the protocol on specific actions during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire and that, due to their importance, must be addressed by this body.
- d. Support activities related to compliance with the protocols within the framework of its monitoring and verification work.
- e. Perform monitoring and verification tasks to help identify possible incidents.
- f. Make recommendations to the peace talks panel to ensure compliance with the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.
- g. Go into the field to support monitoring and verification activities in cases that require its presence due to their complexity.
- h. Present periodic evaluations on the implementation of its mandate to the parties and the public.
- i. Ensure that the information received from its regional and local bodies is protected and archived.
- j. Maintain constant communication and coordination between its components.

At the same time, each component shall communicate with the regional and local bodies through their respective communication channels.

- k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

3. Regional body

3.1 Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

At least two members from the Government of Colombia

A communications liaison between ELN fronts and the United Nations Verification Mission

One member from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia

3.2. Role

- a. Report to the national body on events and incidents of which it should be aware. If the incident falls within its competence, present its findings and recommendations.
- b. Coordinate with the national and local bodies to compile, verify, evaluate and prepare technical reports on incidents that constitute alleged violations of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire and on compliance with the recommendations made to the parties.
- c. Guide the field work of the local bodies and provide support when the complexity of the incident warrants it.

4. Local body

4.1. Composition

Police

2. Role of the national body

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k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

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4. Local body

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4.2. Role

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b. Under the terms of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the international component shall coordinate as necessary with the members of the local body appointed by the Government of Colombia – public security force and ELN to avoid incidents.

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The member of the local body appointed by the Government of Colombia – public security force shall maintain constant communication with the units of the public security force and other institutions in their respective jurisdictions and, through the established channels, shall be responsible for communicating and coordinating with the representatives of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia all activities related to the temporary bilateral national ceasefire to avoid incidents.

Armed forces

2. Role of the national body

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k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

DDR

No specific mention.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

1. Components of the national body

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At least three members from ELN

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2. Role of the national body

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k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

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4. Local body

4.1. Composition

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A communications liaison between ELN fronts and the United Nations Verification Mission

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4.2. Role

a. The international component shall observe, collect, record and analyse field information relevant to its mandate regarding compliance with the provisions of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire by the Government of Colombia and ELN.

b. Under the terms of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the international component shall coordinate as necessary with the members of the local body appointed by the Government of Colombia – public security force and ELN to avoid incidents. ELN shall use its own channels to maintain communication with its units to inform and coordinate, together with the representatives of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, all activities related to the temporary bilateral national ceasefire to avoid incidents.

**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 **4.2. Role**
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5. Peace talks panel
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Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General

Other international signatory **4.2. Role**
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5. Peace talks panel
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As witnesses and depositaries (Guarantor countries):
Glivânia Maria de Oliveira, Federative Republic of Brazil
Eugenio Martínez Enríquez, Republic of Cuba
Jon Otto Brødholt, Kingdom of Norway
Raúl Vergara Meneses, Republic of Chile
Claudia Helietta González Hernández, United Mexican States
Gen. Carlos Martínez Mendoza, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar

1. Components of the national body

At least four members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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2. Role of the national body

a. Ensure the deployment of the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

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e. Perform monitoring and verification tasks to help identify possible incidents.

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3. Regional body

3.1 Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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4. Local body

4.1. Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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4.2. Role

a. The international component shall observe, collect, record and analyse field information relevant to its mandate regarding compliance with the provisions of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire by the Government of Colombia and ELN.

b. Under the terms of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the international component shall coordinate as necessary with the members of the local body appointed by the Government of Colombia – public security force and ELN to avoid incidents.

ELN shall use its own channels to maintain communication with its units to inform and coordinate, together with the representatives of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, all activities related to the temporary bilateral national ceasefire to avoid incidents.

Enforcement mechanism

Pursuant to the agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire signed between the Government of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN (National Liberation Army) on 8 June 2023, the present protocol establishes the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

1. Components of the national body

At least four members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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2. Role of the national body

a. Ensure the deployment of the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.
b. Direct the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism and oversee the activities of its regional and local bodies.

...

d. Support activities related to compliance with the protocols within the framework of its monitoring and verification work.

e. Perform monitoring and verification tasks to help identify possible incidents.

...

g. Go into the field to support monitoring and verification activities in cases that require its presence due to their complexity.

...

k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

3. Regional body

3.1 Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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4. Local body

4.1. Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

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4.2. Role

...

ELN shall use its own channels to maintain communication with its units to inform and coordinate, together with the representatives of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, all activities related to the temporary bilateral national ceasefire to avoid incidents.

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d. Receive information from the social monitoring body.