

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo Especial Transformaciones Territoriales Catatumbo
Date	10 Mar 2024
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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with FARC-EP

Parties

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Signed the guarantors as witnesses and depositaries:

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Counsellor Embassy Bolivarian
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Description

The Government of Colombia and the Central General Staff (EMC) of the FARC-EP jointly committed to work on the 'territorial transformation' of Catatumbo, a region in northern Colombia. With a focus on community participation and consultation, the agreement addressed several initiatives to improve conditions in Catatumbo, including measures to overcome the dependence on illicit economies and apply the minimal vital principle to combat the hunger crisis.

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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 Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical
3. Articulate with indigenous peoples for the realisation of the projects to be implemented, in a way that respects their self-government and autonomy in the territory.
Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive
1. Support the Consultative Table between the Bari indigenous community and ASCAMCAT, with the accompaniment of ONIC and ANZORC, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Land Agency, in the aim of linking the greatest possible participation, attending to the provisos regarding Ruling T-052 of 2017.
...
5. Support the initiative to restore and strengthen the hospital in Barrancas while respecting in all moment the authorities of the Barí people in whose territory it is located.
...
10. Support the efforts of indigenous communities which process coca, cannabis and give them alternative uses, to develop meetings with the ministry of Justice, the DIAN and the Invima in order to strengthen these economic initiatives.

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	7. Prioritisation of spaces for participation with communities to strengthen organisations, cooperativism and associativity.
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	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 - Support plans and projects for the reconversion of coca economies and agro-ecological productive transformation.
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Taxation No specific mention.

Banks Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→Personal or commercial banking
- Meeting with the Agrarian Bank, Finagro with farmers, departmental institutions and community leaders.
To address issue of individual credits, associative credits and industrialisation of the Countryside.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
Meetings with mayors and governor of Norte de Santander and spokespersons of social organisations, in order to manage training and assistance support for territorial planning and land management.
...
- Support plans and projects for the reconversion of coca economies and agro-ecological productive transformation.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment

This agreement is based on what has been signed between the parties regarding territorial transformations and the first dialogue developed with the different communities that seek, in addition to listening, to have clear guidelines to establish routes that will lead, among others, to overcoming dependence on economies considered illicit, application of the minimum vital to face the hunger crisis contribute to the construction of Peace with social and environmental justice.

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- Meeting with the ministry of the Environment to address regional issues and establish a direct channel of communication to deal with information on the centres of deforestation and mining, and also to address the issue of the river basins in Catatumbo.

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9. Support pilot project for reforestation in municipalities of Antioquia.

Water or riparian rights or access

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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	<p>Accompanying persons: Raúl Rosende, Delegate of the Special Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations in Colombia</p>
Other international signatory	<p>Signed the guarantors as witnesses and depositaries: Armando Franchi, Counsellor Embassy Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Louise Wilson, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ireland Phillip Lustenberger, Special Envoy, Swiss Confederation Dag Nagoda, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway</p> <p>Accompanying persons: ... Edelma Gómez, Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OEA) ... Humberto Martín Shikiya, Representative World Council of Churches</p>
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	No specific mention.
