

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Protocolo I Protocolo De Reglas Y Compromisos Para El Cese Al Fuego Bilateral, Temporal De Carácter Nacional Con Impacto Territorial.
<b>Date</b>	16 Oct 2023
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	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 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with FARC-EP

**Parties**

[Government of Colombia]:

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Signed the guarantors as witnesses and depositaries:

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Signed as witness:  
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**Description**

In furtherance of the temporary ceasefire agreement entered into between the Government of Colombia and the Central General Staff (EMC) of the FARC-EP, on 16 October 2023, the parties agreed to certain rules for the ceasefire and to its oversight by the Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVMV).

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<b>Agreement document (original language)</b>	<a href="#">CO_241016_Protocolo I Protocolo De Reglas Y Compromisos Para El Cese Al Fuego (opens in new tab)</a>
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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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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.

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### **Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** **The Central General Staff of the FARC-EP commits to:**  
...  
4. Respect the free exercise of voting and electoral processes.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** No specific mention.

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

**Public  
administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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#### **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.

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#### **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL  
general** **The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**  
1. Not affect the rights and freedoms of the civilian population.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty  
incorporation** **The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**  
...  
3. Not to commit any violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), in particular Protocol II of 1997, additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

<b>Civil and political rights</b>	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality</p> <p><b>The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Not to carry out acts of violence or discrimination against the civilian population, including those based on gender, ethnic, religious or political grounds.</p> <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Vote and take part</p> <p><b>The National Government commits to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>6. To ensure the exercise of the right to vote in compliance with Article 258 of the Political Constitution of Colombia.</p> <p><b>The Central General Staff of the FARC-EP commits to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>4. Respect the free exercise of voting and electoral processes.</p>
<b>Socio-economic rights</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>

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**Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>
<b>Democracy</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>
<b>Detention procedures</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>
<b>Media and communication</b>	<p>No specific mention.</p>
<b>Mobility/access</b>	<p><b>The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>10. Not to obstruct medical and humanitarian missions or the care of the seriously ill and injured, as well as the missionary work of civil authorities.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>The National Government commits to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>3. Not to restrict the normal flow and supply of provisions and medicines destined for the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.</p> <p>4. Not to hinder the movement of members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP who form part of the MVMV in fulfilment of the Mechanism's own activities.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>The Central General Staff of the FARC-EP commits to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>2. Not to carry out offensive actions that result in the confinement of the civilian population.</p>

**Protection measures**

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians

**These rules and commitments are framed within:**

...

- Avoidance of the humanitarian impact on the population in general and in particular on ethnic-territorial communities, peasants and other groups requiring special protection.

...

**The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

...

2. Not to carry out acts of violence or discrimination against the civilian population, including those based on gender, ethnic, religious or political grounds.

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups

**These rules and commitments are framed within:**

...

- Avoidance of the humanitarian impact on the population in general and in particular on ethnic-territorial communities, peasants and other groups requiring special protection.

...

**The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

...

2. Not to carry out acts of violence or discrimination against the civilian population, including those based on gender, ethnic, religious or political grounds.

**Other**

No specific mention.

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**Rights institutions**

**NHRI**

No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions**

No specific mention.

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## 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.

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## Socio-economic reconstruction

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance  
**The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**  
...  
10. Not to obstruct medical and humanitarian missions or the care of the seriously ill and injured, as well as the missionary work of civil authorities.

**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.

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## Land, property and environment

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** **The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

...

5. Not to carry out acts that affect or harm nature in all its aspects.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.

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## Security sector

**Security  
Guarantees**

**The National Government commits to:**

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5. To provide the necessary security conditions to ensure the integrity of the members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, in accordance with the protocol on Areas of Presence that forms part of the Agreement for Respect for the Civilian Population and the Implementation of the Bilateral, Temporary Ceasefire of a National Character with Territorial Impact (CFBTNT).

## Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

By virtue of the Agreement on Respect for the Civilian Population and the Bilateral, Temporary, Ceasefire of a National character with Territorial Impact (CFBTNT), signed between the National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP on 16 October 2023, the present protocol establishes the rules and commitments that the parties must comply with.

This protocol develops the rules that are the main core of the activity that the Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (hereinafter Mechanism or MVMV) will have and that will be applicable to the parties that are in compliance with the CFBTNT Agreement.

### **These rules and commitments are framed within:**

- Respect life in all its forms, nature in all its aspects and the rights and freedoms of the civilian population.
- Avoidance of the humanitarian impact on the population in general and in particular on ethnic-territorial communities, peasants and other groups requiring special protection.
- To maintain the mobility of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP in the defined geographical areas agreed between the parties through the Protocol on Areas of Presence of the Members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP; to promote territorial transformations and the tasks of the MVMV during the construction of Peace.
- The Public Force will continue to fulfil its constitutional and legal mission throughout the national territory, in accordance with the Social Rule of Law, within the framework of the Ceasefire Agreement and its respective protocols.
- Avoid offensive actions and armed incidents between the Public Forces and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.
- Avoid situations that jeopardise compliance with the Bilateral and Temporary Ceasefire of a National character with Territorial Impact agreement (CFBTNT).
- An MVMV will be established, whose main function will be to verify compliance with the agreed protocols, consolidate information regarding possible offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police, offensive actions by the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and incidents that may be classified as breaches of prohibited acts; and likewise, to draw up the corresponding reports.
- The parties commit to processing and verifying through the MVMV any situation that could be considered a possible incident or breach affecting the Bilateral, Temporary Ceasefire of a National Character with Territorial Impact (CFBTNT), before using the media or social media to make it known to the general public.

The Peace Dialogues Table will issue the corresponding joint statements.

### **The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

1. Not affect the rights and freedoms of the civilian population.
2. Not to carry out acts of violence or discrimination against the civilian population, including those based on gender, ethnic, religious or political grounds.
3. Not to commit any violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), in particular Protocol II of 1997, additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.
4. Not to carry out offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police and offensive actions between the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.
5. Not to carry out acts that affect or harm nature in all its aspects.
6. No entry into armed contact between the structures of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.

And if this happens, break contact immediately.

7. Appoint the national, regional and local delegates necessary for the MVMV bodies.

8. Not to obstruct the work of the MVMV

9. Not to omit information through the established channels, to avoid incidents and guarantee the technical efficiency of the Mechanism

## Police

### **These rules and commitments are framed within:**

...

• An MVMV will be established, whose main function will be to verify compliance with the agreed protocols, consolidate information regarding possible offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police, offensive actions by the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and incidents that may be classified as breaches of prohibited acts;

...

### **The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

...

4. Not to carry out offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police and offensive actions between the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.

...

### **The National Government commits to:**

1. No to carry out offensive military operations or special operations by the national police against members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.

## Armed forces

### **These rules and commitments are framed within:**

...

• The Public Force will continue to fulfil its constitutional and legal mission throughout the national territory, in accordance with the Social Rule of Law, within the framework of the Ceasefire Agreement and its respective protocols.

• Avoid offensive actions and armed incidents between the Public Forces and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.

...

• An MVMV will be established, whose main function will be to verify compliance with the agreed protocols, consolidate information regarding possible offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police, offensive actions by the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and incidents that may be classified as breaches of prohibited acts;

...

### **The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

...

4. Not to carry out offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police and offensive actions between the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.

...

6. No entry into armed contact between the structures of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.

...

### **The National Government commits to:**

1. No to carry out offensive military operations or special operations by the national police against members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.

## DDR

No specific mention.

<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	<p><b>These rules and commitments are framed within:</b></p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To maintain the mobility of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP in the defined geographical areas agreed between the parties through the Protocol on Areas of Presence of the Members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP;</li> </ul> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid offensive actions and armed incidents between the Public Forces and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.</li> </ul> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An MVMV will be established, whose main function will be to verify compliance with the agreed protocols, consolidate information regarding possible offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police, offensive actions by the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and incidents that may be classified as breaches of prohibited acts;</li> </ul> <p>...</p> <p><b>The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>4. Not to carry out offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police and offensive actions between the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.</p> <p>...</p> <p>6. No entry into armed contact between the structures of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>The Central General Staff of the FARC-EP commits to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not to carry out offensive actions against the Police Force.</li> <li>2. Not to carry out offensive actions that result in the confinement of the civilian population.</li> <li>3. Not to remain or travel armed or in uniform in municipal centres or on primary roads.</li> <li>4. Respect the free exercise of voting and electoral processes.</li> </ol>
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	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.

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**Implementation**

<b>UN signatory</b>	<p><b>Accompanying persons:</b>  Raúl Rosende  Delegate of the Special  Representative of the General Secretary  Of the United Nations in Colombia</p>
<b>Other international signatory</b>	<p><b>Signed the guarantors as witnesses and depositaries:</b>  Carlos Eduardo Martínez Mendoza  Ambassador of the  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><b>Accompanying persons:</b>  ...  Roberto Menéndez  Head of Mission to Support the  Peace Process of the  Organisation of American  States (MAPP-OEA)  ...  Humberto Martín Shikiya  Special Envoy of the  World Council of Churches</p>
<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar**

No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism**

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**These rules and commitments are framed within:**

...

- An MVMV will be established, whose main function will be to verify compliance with the agreed protocols, consolidate information regarding possible offensive military operations, special operations by the National Police, offensive actions by the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and incidents that may be classified as breaches of prohibited acts;

and likewise, to draw up the corresponding reports.

- The parties commit to processing and verifying through the MVMV any situation that could be considered a possible incident or breach affecting the Bilateral, Temporary Ceasefire of a National Character with Territorial Impact (CFBTNT), before using the media or social media to make it known to the general public.

...

**The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, from the signing of this protocol, undertake to:**

...

7. Appoint the national, regional and local delegates necessary for the MVMV bodies.

8. Not to obstruct the work of the MVMV.

9. Not to omit information through the established channels, to avoid incidents and guarantee the technical efficiency of the Mechanism.

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