

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Reglas de Funcionamiento de la Mesa de Diálogos de Paz -MDP- Gobierno Nacional y Estado Mayor Central de las FARC-EP
Date	2 Sep 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 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with FARC-EP

Parties Signatories illegible, but the agreement document reveals that delegates from the National Government of Colombia and the Estado Mayor Central (EMC or Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP signed the agreement.

Third parties -

Description This agreement establishes the operating rules for the Peace Dialogue Table (MDP) between the Colombian government and FARC-EP. It sets out the structure, composition, and procedures for the peace talks, including provisions for venue selection, technical secretariat, decision-making by consensus, and communication protocols. The agreement emphasizes inclusive participation through special protocols for ethnic communities, social organizations, and victims of the conflict.

Agreement document [CO_230902_Prot_3_Reglas_De_Funcionamiento_Mesa_De_Dialógos_EN \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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Groups

Children/youth Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical
Spaces for interaction between the MDP and the community
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Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical
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Religious groups

No specific mention.

Indigenous people

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Other groups

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**Refugees/displaced
persons**

No specific mention.

Social class

No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Technical advisors, as well as advisors on cultural and scientific ways of knowing ... The advisors, both women and men, may form technical commissions agreed upon by the MDP. ... Spaces for interaction between the MDP and the community ... Given that the objective is to achieve a peace agreement with structural and territorial transformations and with a special focus on the communities most affected by the social and armed conflict, both parties undertake to include in the Agenda for Dialogues for Peace, to be established, a specific point that addresses in a special way the participation of the victims of the conflict, indigenous peoples, Black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal, Palenquero, Rrom and peasant communities, women, youth and other groups of special protection.
Men and boys	Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording Technical advisors, as well as advisors on cultural and scientific ways of knowing ... The advisors, both women and men, may form technical commissions agreed upon by the MDP.
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

CONFIRMATION OF THE ROUNDTABLE

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The permanent international accompaniers may participate with two people for the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in Colombia, and up to two people for the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OEA), as well as up to two people for the accompaniers of the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches duly delegated by their respective organisations.

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MDP attendees duly accredited by standing invitation or for specific sessions:

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7. Members of social, citizen and community oversight bodies, social, governmental, non-governmental, intergovernmental, national and international organisations and multilateral bodies will participate as guests in special sessions, subject to prior agreement by the parties.

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Cycles and sessions.

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For this purpose, the proposals of the ethnic communities, social and peasant organisations and other sectors of the country, who will have a special protocol on their participation, will be used as a frame of reference.

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 Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Freedom of speech
Communications
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The MDP will establish guidelines for relations with the media so that they comply with the principles of freedom of expression.

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→Other
Communications
...
The MDP will generate spaces for dialogue with the media to share information of public interest and that can be an input in the full respect of press freedom and the right to information of national and international public opinion.

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 **Security and logistical guarantees for the normal functioning of the MDP.**
The parties will identify in advance of each MDP session the security guarantees required for the delegates of the dialogue commissions.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	<p>CONFORMATION OF THE ROUNDTABLE</p> <p>The Peace Dialogues Table is made up of delegated persons from the National Government, among them the Military and Police observers, the duly accredited delegated persons from the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, who act as its representatives, and the High Commissioner for Peace of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia.</p>
Armed forces	<p>CONFORMATION OF THE ROUNDTABLE</p> <p>The Peace Dialogues Table is made up of delegated persons from the National Government, among them the Military and Police observers, the duly accredited delegated persons from the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, who act as its representatives, and the High Commissioner for Peace of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia.</p>
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>CONFORMATION OF THE ROUNDTABLE</p> <p>The Peace Dialogues Table is made up of delegated persons from the National Government, among them the Military and Police observers, the duly accredited delegated persons from the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, who act as its representatives, and the High Commissioner for Peace of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>...</p> <p>in the case of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, its channel is the Central General Staff.</p>
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

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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 No specific mention.
