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| Country/entity | Colombia |
| Region | Americas |
| Agreement name | Protocolo de Comunicación para Evitar Incidentes y el Contacto Armado entre el Estado Mayor Central de las FARC-EP y la Fuerza Pública Durante la Vigencia del Cese al Fuego Bilateral Temporal de Carácter Nacional con Impacto Territorial (CFBTNT) |
| 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.

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Colombian Conflict (1964 -)

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| Stage | Implementation/renegotiation |
| Conflict nature | Government/territory |
| Peace process | Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with FARC-EP |

Parties

[Government of Colombia]:

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Louise Wilson
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Description

This protocol establishes communication procedures to prevent incidents and armed contact between FARC-EP and state security forces during the bilateral ceasefire. It establishes FONDOPAZ as the main communication channel, requires 24/7 availability, and sets up procedures for coordinating movements and responding to incidents. The protocol includes special provisions for medical emergencies and emphasizes the protection of civilian populations.

Agreement document

[CO_240310_Protocolo_De_Comunicacion_Para_Evitar_Incidentes_EN \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language)

[CO_240310_Protocolo De Comunicacion Para Evitar Incidentes \(opens in new tab\)](#)

Groups

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| 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

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| Women, girls and gender | No specific mention. |
| Men and boys | No specific mention. |
| LGBTI | No specific mention. |
| Family | No specific mention. |

State definition

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| 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** 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.

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| Mobility/access | When it is necessary, in exceptional circumstances, for members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP to pass through Population Centres where there is no National Police presence, the MVMV will be informed in advance for the corresponding coordination. 9. Following coordination with the MVMV, the transfer of sick and wounded persons will be facilitated, as well as the actions of Medical Missions, the flow of medicines, and the supplies necessary for primary care and treatments related to tropical and other diseases. |
| Protection measures | No specific mention. |
| Other | No specific mention. |

Rights institutions

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| NHRI | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

Justice sector reform

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| 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→General commitments

By virtue of Agreement I for the 'Respect for the Civilian Population and the Implementation of the Bilateral and Temporary Ceasefire of National Character with Territorial Impact (CFBTNT) between the National Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, this protocol establishes the necessary communication measures to avoid incidents and armed contact between the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the Public Forces during the validity of the CFBTNT, with the aim of avoiding affecting the civil population.

Police

2. The Public Force personnel appointed to form part of the local and regional levels of the MVMV will have a directory that will allow them to quickly identify the contact numbers for immediate and direct communication with the Operations Centres of the Military Forces or National Police, or with the Military and Police Commanders who have operational responsibility in the areas where the local Mechanism will be acting.

Armed forces

1. The Public Force, through FONDOPAZ, will provide its personnel designated to form part of the local, regional and national instances of the MVMV with the necessary equipment for voice and data transmission to facilitate positive, secure, permanent and uninterrupted communication 24 hours a day.

2. The Public Force personnel appointed to form part of the local and regional levels of the MVMV will have a directory that will allow them to quickly identify the contact numbers for immediate and direct communication with the Operations Centres of the Military Forces or National Police, or with the Military and Police Commanders who have operational responsibility in the areas where the local Mechanism will be acting.

15. The Public Force will develop the corresponding pedagogy for its personnel; in the same way, the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP will do the same for its members.

17. The present Protocol applies to the Public Force and all the Structures of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.

DDR

No specific mention.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

3. The Central General Staff of the FARC-EP will appoint the necessary representatives to the MVMV in its local and regional instances, with the necessary equipment for the transmission of voice and data to facilitate immediate and direct communication with the selected members in each of its structures, to attend to situations that may arise 24 hours a day, in the area where they are present and where the local Mechanism will operate.

5. The parties will determine, upon recommendation of the Technical Committee, the geographical areas in which the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP has presence and in which the local and regional MVMV will operate, always analysing and considering the differential security problems that arise in each one of the territories.

6. The areas proposed for the action of the local and regional MVMV, where the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP is present, will be presented by the Technical Committee to the Peace Dialogues Table (MDP) in a plenary session for the corresponding approval and to begin their implementation.

8. The Central General Staff of the FARC-EP ratifies its commitment not to remain or transit armed or in uniform in municipal capitals or on primary roads; this commitment extends to Populated centres where there is a permanent presence of the National Police, primary and secondary land routes.

When it is necessary, in exceptional circumstances, for members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP to pass through Population Centres where there is no National Police presence, the MVMV will be informed in advance for the corresponding coordination.

In the case of members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP who require medical attention in hospital centres and have outstanding arrest warrants, the necessary arrangements will be made in advance with the competent authority in accordance with the provisions of Law 2272 of 2022.

12. The members of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP reserve their legitimate right of defence in the areas where they are present.

15. The Public Force will develop the corresponding pedagogy for its personnel; in the same way, the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP will do the same for its members. The parties, including the international component, will contribute to the development of pedagogies by providing the corresponding logistical facilities to the representatives of the National Directorate of the FARC-EP Central General Staff to travel to the meeting places with their structures, in accordance with the Agreements, Protocols and regulations in force.

17. The present Protocol applies to the Public Force and all the Structures of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.

18. The parties agree to create a joint commission, which will include the international component of the MVMV, to analyse in the next cycle (V) alleged corruption (connivance and paramilitarism) and aspects related to the confrontations between organised armed groups operating outside the law.

**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 Raúl Rosende, Delegate of the Special Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations in Colombia

Other international signatory Armando Franchi, Counsellor, Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
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Phillip Lustenberger, Special Envoy, Swiss Confederation
Dag Nagoda, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway
Edelma Gómez, Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OEA)
Humberto Martín Shikiya, Representative World Council of Churches

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

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| International mission/force/similar | No specific mention. |
| Enforcement mechanism | <p>10. The MVMV at national, regional and local levels will establish the procedure to be followed to report situations that require immediate attention, to prevent or mitigate incidents that may occur within the framework of the CFBTNT, or are considered possible violations of Agreements and Protocols signed between the parties.</p> <p>11. When any structure of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP comes into armed contact with another illegal armed actor, the MVMV, in accordance with its mandate, will carry out the necessary coordination to allow the confrontation to cease.</p> <p>It should be borne in mind at all times that the initial intention of the MVMV is to develop preventive actions.</p> <p>The National Government guarantees that the verification of the MVMV in the area of the confrontations will be carried out diligently and promptly, with clarity and without interference.</p> <p>CAVEAT:</p> <p>This commitment implies permanent evaluation and adjustments according to the dynamics of each territory.</p> <p>13. The local and regional instances of the MVMV will keep a record of the coordination carried out, with which a confrontation was avoided, or a critical situation in progress was mitigated;</p> <p>the National instance of the MVMV will periodically present to the MDP reports on possible incidents or violations to the CFBTNT, and will include the actions carried out that managed to prevent unwanted situations.</p> |
| Related cases | No specific mention. |
| Source | No specific mention. |
