

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Protocolo X - Comunicaciones e Información Pública de la Mesa de Diálogos de Paz entre el Gobierno de la República de Colombia y el Estado Mayor Central de las FARC-EP
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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with FARC-EP

Parties**Government of Colombia:**

Camilo González Posso - Delegation of National Government in the Peace Dialogues Table

Gloria Quinceno Acevedo - Councillor Commissioner for Peace, National Government

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FARC-EP:

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Third parties**Guarantors:**

Armando Franchi - Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Louise Wilson - Embassy of Ireland

Phillip Lustenberger - Swiss Confederation

Dag Nagoda - Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway

Accompanying Persons:

Raúl Rosende - United Nations

Edelma Gómez - Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OEA)

Padre Eliecer Soto Ardila - Episcopal Conference of Colombia

Humberto Martín Shikiya - World Council of Churches

Description	This protocol establishes rules for public communications and information sharing related to the peace dialogue process. It emphasizes the need for clear, respectful, and non-stigmatizing language, requires joint approval of public statements, and establishes bipartite spokespersons. The protocol includes special consideration for communicating with ethnic, Afro-Colombian and peasant communities through appropriate cultural approaches.
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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
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Disabled persons	No specific mention.
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Elderly/age	No specific mention.
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Migrant workers	No specific mention.
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Racial/ethnic/national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical</p> <p>9. The communication and public information of agreements, protocols and other documents produced by the MDP will have a pedagogical purpose, using for this purpose, different channels of dissemination and placing special emphasis on the territorial with differential , ethnic and peasant and intersectional approaches.</p> <p>10. The communication strategy should include forms of communication in accordance and in articulation with indigenous, afro and peasant cultures, according to their differential approaches.</p>
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Religious groups	No specific mention.
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Indigenous people	<p>Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical</p> <p>10. The communication strategy should include forms of communication in accordance and in articulation with indigenous, afro and peasant cultures, according to their differential approaches.</p>
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Other groups Groups→Other groups→Rhetorical
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10. The communication strategy should include forms of communication in accordance and in articulation with indigenous, afro and peasant cultures, according to their differential approaches.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender 7. The organisation of press conferences, the agenda, and the minute-by-minute schedule of public events in which both male and female delegates and representatives of the parties to the MDP participate will be defined in a concerted manner.
8. Both male and female delegates, representatives, spokespersons and other attendees at plenaries of the MDP should maintain strict confidentiality about internal discussions that compromise the negotiations.
11. The MDP, upon agreement between the parties, will facilitate meetings with both male and female journalists from the media and other content generation platforms to strengthen the information, public communication and pedagogical processes.

Men and boys Gender→Men and boys→Gender neutral wording
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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 Including, in particular, local media, alternative and community channels.

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→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion
14. The parties undertake to promote, and to respect 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→Governance of media

1. The parties undertake to generate and transmit information in an accurate, truthful and timely manner;

In this sense, stigmatisation and the abusive use of derogatory epithets and adjectives between the parties should be avoided.

2. The parties will agree and approve the contents of communication and public information on the progress of the dialogues process, Agreements, Protocols and other documents produced by the MDP prior to their publication and dissemination.

3. The messages and communications aimed at the public will be coordinated by the MDP in order to guarantee coherence in public information.

4. The parties to the MDP will agree on the means, the moment and the form in which their decisions, public pronouncements and information that requires dissemination will be communicated publicly

5. The drafting of joint communiqués must be agreed, approved and signed by the parties participating in the MDP, through the coordinators of the two delegations or by those they designate.

6. The spokespersonship for the MDP will be decided by its members, in a bipartite manner, and only assumed by the parties with the media when it comes to public pronouncements, such as announcements, communiqués and others.

8. Both male and female delegates, representatives, spokespersons and other attendees at plenaries of the MDP should maintain strict confidentiality about internal discussions that compromise the negotiations.

12. The MDP will have a communications strategy approved by the parties.

13. Each delegation will have a communications officer, who will be responsible for formulating strategies and developing communication actions following the guidelines of the MDP and in coordination with both heads of the delegations.

For this purpose, accurate and timely information will be provided.

15. The parties will assert their right to rectification before the media in circumstances that warrant it.

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles

to this end, they will use clear, respectful, non-stigmatising and inclusive language in order to keep public opinion informed, promote participation and support education on the process, its Agreements, Protocols and other documents generated by the MPD.

9. The communication and public information of agreements, protocols and other documents produced by the MDP will have a pedagogical purpose, using for this purpose, different channels of dissemination and placing special emphasis on the territorial with differential, ethnic and peasant and intersectional approaches.

14. The parties undertake to promote, and to respect freedom of expression.

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics

Including, in particular, local media, alternative and community channels.

7. The organisation of press conferences, the agenda, and the minute-by-minute schedule of public events in which both male and female delegates and representatives of the parties to the MDP participate will be defined in a concerted manner.

10. The communication strategy should include forms of communication in accordance and in articulation with indigenous, afro and peasant cultures, according to their differential approaches.

11. The MDP, upon agreement between the parties, will facilitate meetings with both male and female journalists from the media and other content generation platforms to strengthen the information, public communication and pedagogical processes.

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	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	Raúl Rosende, Delegate of the Special Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations in Colombia
Other international signatory	Armando Franchi, Councillor, Embassy 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 Edelma Gómez, Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OEA) Padre Eliecer Soto Ardila, Representative Episcopal Conference of Colombia Humberto Martín Shikiya, Representative World Council of Churches
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.
