

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo de Catatumbo
Date	3 May 2025
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	National Government Delegates: Gloria Quinceno Acevedo, Delegate of the Government in the Peace Dialogue Table Luz Dary Landazury M, Delegate of the National Government Genny Calvo, Delegate of the National Government in the Peace Dialogue Table Feliciano Valencia Medina, Delegate of the National Government in the Peace Dialogue Table Carlos Murgas Dávila, Delegate of the National Government in the Peace Dialogue Table Front 33 of the EMBF FARC-EP: Jhon Mendoza, Representative EMBF FARC-EP Andrey Avendaño, Delegate Front 33 EMBF FARC-EP Richard Suarez, Delegate Front 33 EMBF FARC-EP Willinton Henao, Delegate Front 33 EMBF FARC-EP Javier 33, Delegate Front 33 EMBF FARC-EP
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Third parties -

Description This agreement between the Colombian National Government and Front 33 of the EMBF FARC-EP establishes a Temporary Location Zone (ZUT) in rural Tibú, Norte de Santander, where members of Front 33 will be concentrated as part of the ongoing peace dialogue process. The ZUT is grounded in Law 2272 of 2022 and Decree 0448 of 2025, and guarantees the functioning of state institutions and respect for community rights within its boundaries. The delegations committed to developing further agreements and protocols governing the ZUT's operation, phasing, and duration.

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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	No specific mention.
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.
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Border delimitation	No specific mention.
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Cross-border provision	No specific mention.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
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Military power sharing	No specific mention.
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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 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 Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes
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The ZUT, as stipulated in Law 2272 of 2022, is geographically delimited and within it the Social Rule of Law and the functioning of the institutions that will participate in the territorial transformations agreed upon within the framework of the Peace Dialogue Table will be guaranteed, with the active participation of the communities of Catacumbo, with respect for their rights and freedoms.
In defining the ZUT, the proposals submitted by the parties were analysed and evaluated, and its location was finally agreed upon, taking into account the security, logistical, geographical and administrative conditions required to meet the basic needs of temporary residence for the members of Front 33 of the EMBF FARC-EP who will participate in the peace process with social and environmental justice.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces In compliance with Decree 0448 of 17 April 2025 and having reached an advanced stage of the process, it was decided to establish a Temporary Location Zone (ZUT) in the rural area of the municipality of Tibú, Norte de Santander, where the members of Front 33 of the EMBF FARC-EP will be located.
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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	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
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Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
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