

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo Número 4: Procedimiento de Destrucción de Material de Guerra de Comuneros del Sur
Date	19 Dec 2024
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local 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 Comuneros del Sur (Nariño Regional Process)

Parties

Delegation of the Government of the Republic of Colombia:

Carlos [name unclear] - Chief of National Government Team
Clemencia Carabali - Representative National Government
Andrei Gómez-Suárez - Representative National Government
Angela María Robledo Gómez - Representative National Government
Pablo Pardo Velasco - Representative National Government

Delegation of Southern Comuneros:

Royer Garzon Alvarado - Representative Southern Comuneros
Antonio Ovallos - Representative Southern Comuneros
Lorena Sevillano Ortiz - Representative Southern Comuneros
Leidy Paola Tapia - Representative Southern Comuneros
Santo García Nastacuas - Representative Southern Comuneros
Jaime Álvarez Riascos - Representative Southern Comuneros

Third parties

Accompanying Parties (Witnesses/Observers):

Mathias Zeller - Representative Delegate, Netherlands
Antonio Rosa - Delegate MAPP-OEA, Organisation of American States
Padre Paulo Verdugo - Episcopal Conference of Colombia

Description

This agreement establishes a technical, traceable, and verifiable procedure for Southern Comuneros to surrender and destroy their weapons as part of the peace process in Nariño, Colombia. The process is supported by the OAS Peace Mission and aims to build trust between parties while initiating the disarmament process and facilitating Southern Comuneros' transition to full citizenship under Law 2272 of 2022. The agreement includes detailed protocols for coordination, preparation, delivery, verification, and destruction of war materials, with specific commitments from both parties and the OAS mission.

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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.

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** Governance→Political parties reform→Rebels transitioning to political parties
The National Government of the Republic of Colombia and Southern Comuneros reiterate their firm conviction to move towards the Co-construction of Territorial Peace in Nariño, which will allow for the de-escalation of violence, a favourable environment in terms of security to facilitate territorial transformations, the definitive end of offensive actions and hostilities between the parties, and the transition of the members of Southern Comuneros towards full citizenship and a social and political movement.

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 **2. Objectives:**
...
2. Respect life in all its forms, the rights and freedoms of the civilian population, the territory and the environment, and promote peace with nature.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life
1. General considerations.
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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person
1. General considerations.
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Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general 1. General considerations. ... It also constitutes a guarantee for the exercise of the rights of citizenship enshrined in the Constitution, in particular peace, life in all its forms and freedom. ... The surrender and destruction of war material will take place within the framework of progress towards the end of the armed conflict, the transition to full citizenship for members of the Southern Comuneros, the Local and Temporary Bilateral Ceasefire (CFBLT) and the location of the Temporary Location Zones, enshrined in Agreements 1 and 3, respectively, of the Table for the Co-construction of territorial Peace in Nariño. 2. Objectives: ... 4. Initiate the transition to full citizenship for the members of Southern Comuneros.
Democracy	3. Principles The parties reiterate that, in addition to the ethics of the life, the right to comprehensive peace, with democracy, social and environmental justice, they are bound by the following principles:
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians 3. Principles ... • Protection and non-impact on communities, territory and the Parties.
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**2. Objectives:**

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2. Respect life in all its forms, the rights and freedoms of the civilian population, the territory and the environment, and promote peace with nature.

...

3. Principles

The parties reiterate that, in addition to the ethics of the life, the right to comprehensive peace, with democracy, social and environmental justice, they are bound by the following principles:

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- Mitigation of damage to nature.

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector**Security Guarantees**

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

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2. Objectives:

1. Move towards the definitive resolution of the armed conflict between the National government and the Southern Comuneros.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Within this framework, the parties sign Agreement Number 4 for the delivery and destruction of Southern Comuneros' War Material, with the aim of initiating the process of laying down arms by Southern Comuneros within the framework of Law 2272 of 2022 and building trust between the Parties and society, laying the foundations for their transition to full citizenship.

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The delivery and destruction of War Material is a technical, traceable, and verifiable procedure, supported by detailed operational protocols that will be integrated as an essential part of this Agreement.

1. General considerations.

The Destruction of War Material handed over by Southern Comuneros is a confidence-building measure between the Parties and society, and constitutes the beginning of the process of laying down arms and transition to full citizenship for the members of this group.

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The surrender and destruction of War material is a technical, traceable and verifiable procedure carried out by the National Government with the support of the Peace Process Support Mission of the MAPP OEA.

The procedure consists of the concentration, listing, reception, verification and destruction of war material surrendered by Southern Comuneros to the National Government.

The surrender and destruction of war material will take place within the framework of progress towards the end of the armed conflict, the transition to full citizenship for members of the Southern Comuneros, the Local and Temporary Bilateral Ceasefire (CFBLT) and the location of the Temporary Location Zones, enshrined in Agreements 1 and 3, respectively, of the Table for the Co-construction of territorial Peace in Nariño.

2. Objectives:

...

3. Initiate the process of laying down arms by Southern Comuneros

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4. Protocol for the coordination, preparation, delivery, verification and destruction of Southern Comuneros war material

This Agreement shall be governed by the protocol for the coordination, preparation, delivery, verification and destruction of Southern Comuneros' war material, which will be accompanied by a Technical Annex on the procedure for registering, identifying, marking, storing and/or destroying war material.

5. General commitments:

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- The Roundtable for the Co-construction of Territorial Peace in Nariño will agree on protocols to strengthen the procedure for the surrender of arms and the destruction of war materials by the Southern Comuneros.

- Act in a coordinated manner to comply with this Agreement and provide the information and other elements or conditions necessary for the coordination, preparation, delivery, verification and destruction of the Southern Comuneros' war material.

- Design an educational and communications strategy for the present Agreement, with the aim of informing the institutions, actors and communities involved about the process of handing over and destroying war materials.

- Allow the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OEA) to accompany the process of receiving and verifying the war material that Southern Comuneros will hand over to the National Government.

- Arrange the area where the war material will be located for delivery, verification, and destruction, in accordance with the terms set forth in 'The protocol for the coordination, preparation, delivery, verification, and destruction of war material'

**Intelligence
services**

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

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2. Objectives:

1. Move towards the definitive resolution of the armed conflict between the National government and the Southern Comuneros.

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4. Initiate the transition to full citizenship for the members of Southern Comuneros.

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6. Special commitments by Southern Comuneros

- Southern Comuneros undertake to provide the Organisation of American States Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP-OEA) and the National Government with an inventory detailing the quantity, location, type and characteristics

Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
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Corruption	No specific mention.
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Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
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Drugs	No specific mention.
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Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
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Courts	No specific mention.
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Mechanism	No specific mention.
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Prisoner release	No specific mention.
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Vetting	No specific mention.
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Victims	No specific mention.
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Missing persons	No specific mention.
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Reparations	No specific mention.
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Reconciliation	No specific mention.
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Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory **8. Commitments by the Organisation of American States' Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia**

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Mathias Zeller, Representative Delegate Netherlands

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar

1. General considerations.

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7. Special commitments by the National Government

- The National Government undertakes to make the necessary coordination arrangements for the protection and security of the Organisation of American States Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP-OEA) in accompanying the process of reception and verification of the war materials to be handed over by Southern Comuneros to the National Government.
- The National Government undertakes to safely destroy the war materials that will be handed over by Southern Comuneros, after their verification by the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OAS).

8. Commitments by the Organisation of American States' Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia

- The Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organisation of American States will be limited, within the framework of this Agreement, to receiving and verifying, while accompanying the process of receiving and verifying the war materials that Southern Comuneros will hand over to the national government, and will not transport, handle, or organise them.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.