

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo No. 9 - Funciones de Países Garantes y Entidades Acompañantes
Date	25 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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with the Coordinadora Nacional Ejército Bolivariano (CNEB)

Parties	For the Government of the Republic of Colombia Armando Novoa García Chief Negotiator Gloria Arias Jaime Ariza Parmenio Cuellar
	For the National Coordination of the Bolivarian Army Walter Mendoza Chief Negotiator Andrés Rojas Andrés Guerrero Andrés Allende Bladimir Iván Patía Jairo Marín Tocayo Uriel Pardo
Third parties	As witnesses and depositaries signed the Guarantor Countries Carlos Pino, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Axel Støren Wedén, Kingdom of Norway Phillipp Lustenberger, Swiss Confederation Angela Bargellini, Delegate of the Special Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations in Colombia Monsignor Héctor Fabio Henao, Delegate of the Episcopal Conference of Colombia
Description	This agreement formalizes the roles of guarantor countries (Norway, Venezuela, and Switzerland) and permanent accompanying entities (the UN Secretary-General's office and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia) within the Peace Dialogues Table between the Colombian government and the CNEB. The guarantor countries are tasked with acting as depositaries and witnesses to agreements, providing political support and good offices, and physically accompanying the CNEB delegation during transfers. The delegations commit to keeping guarantors and accompaniers informed and consulting them on process-related matters.
Agreement document	CO_250525_Acuerdo_No._9_-_Funciones_de_Países_Garantes_y_Entidades_Acompañantes_EN (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	CO_250525_Acuerdo No. 9 - Funciones de Países Garantes y Entidades Acompañantes (opens in new tab)
Source of document	https://www.consejeriacomisionadadepaz.gov.co/Dialogos_con_la-Coordinadora-Nacional-Ejercito-Bolivariano/Documents/Acuerdo-9.pdf

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** No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

**Traditional/
religious leaders** **2. Regarding accompanying institutions and organisations**
Given the good offices and importance of the accompaniment of both the Secretary-General of the United Nations - UN, and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, they are invited to participate as 'Permanent Accompaniers' of the Peace Dialogues Table.

**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.
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

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Angela Bargellini, Delegate of the Special Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations in Colombia

Other international signatory

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Carlos Pino, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Axel Storen Wedén, Kingdom of Norway

Phillipp Lustenberger, Swiss Confederation

Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar

No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism

No specific mention.
