

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo Número 10: Para el Fortalecimiento de la Democracia en el Territorio
Date	8 Jun 2025
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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with Comuneros del Sur (Nariño Regional Process)

Parties	National Government:
	Carlos Erazo (Chief of National Government Team) Andrei Gómez-Suárez (Representative) Angela María Robledo Gómez (Representative) Pablo Pardo Velasco (Representative)
	Southern Comuneros:
	Royer Garzón Alvarado (Representative) Antonio Ovallos (Representative) Lorena Sevillano Ortiz (Representative) Leidy Paola Tapia (Representative) Jaime Eduardo Álvarez Riascos (Representative)
Third parties	Reina Buijs (Representative Delegate Netherlands) Edelma Gómez (Delegate Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organisation of American States - MAPP-OEA) Padre Paulo Verdugo (Episcopal Conference of Colombia)
Description	This agreement establishes a capacity-building program for democratic participation in 10 prioritized municipalities, implemented by the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD). The National Government and Southern Comuneros commit to strengthening democratic processes through training in participatory democracy mechanisms, consultation tools, and organizational strengthening. The agreement aims to facilitate the transition of Southern Comuneros members to full citizenship while promoting territorial peace co-construction.

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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** No specific mention.

Civil society Recognising the need expressed by communities and their organisations to have tools that enable them to fully exercise their rights and uphold the Social Rule of Law, this Agreement will contribute to strengthening their capacity to effectively influence democratic processes for the Co-Construction of Territorial Peace.

To this end, the National Government and Southern Comuneros agree that the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) will implement the Capacity Building Programme for leaders and communities in the 10 municipalities prioritised by the Roundtable and for Southern Comuneros, within the framework of the transition to full citizenship of its members.

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NIMD will design the methodology for holding meetings between civil actors and members of Southern Comuneros so that they can converge in strengthening the democratic process in the territory, within the framework of the process of Co-Construction of Peace.

**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 Recognising the need expressed by communities and their organisations to have tools that enable them to fully exercise their rights and uphold the Social Rule of Law, this Agreement will contribute to strengthening their capacity to effectively influence democratic processes for the Co-Construction of Territorial Peace.

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 The process will include training in participatory democracy mechanisms, consultation tools, social dialogue, political incidence and organisational strengthening.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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International funds	No specific mention.
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Business	No specific mention.
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Taxation	No specific mention.
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Banks	No specific mention.
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Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	No specific mention.
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Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
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Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
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Environment	No specific mention.
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Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.
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Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
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Ceasefire	No specific mention.
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Police	No specific mention.
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Armed forces	No specific mention.
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DDR	Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes To this end, the National Government and Southern Comuneros agree that the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) will implement the Capacity Building Programme for leaders and communities in the 10 municipalities prioritised by the Roundtable and for Southern Comuneros, within the framework of the transition to full citizenship of its members.
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Intelligence services	No specific mention.
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Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	To this end, the National Government and Southern Comuneros agree that the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) will implement the Capacity Building Programme for leaders and communities in the 10 municipalities prioritised by the Roundtable and for Southern Comuneros, within the framework of the transition to full citizenship of its members. ... Southern Comuneros undertakes to select its members to actively participate in the training process. NIMD will design the methodology for holding meetings between civil actors and members of Southern Comuneros so that they can converge in strengthening the democratic process in the territory, within the framework of the process of Co-Construction of Peace.
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 **Accompanying parties**
Reina Buijs, Representative Delegate Netherlands

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar **Accompanying parties**
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Edelma Gómez, Delegate Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organisation of American States (MAPP-OEA)

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.
