

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo 4: Declaraciones y comunicaciones conjuntas
Date	24 Nov 2022
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 ELN

Parties	Delegation of the ELN (Ejército de Liberación Nacional)
	Delegation of the National Government of Colombia
Third parties	-
Description	This protocol agreement establishes guidelines for coordinated communication management between the ELN and the Colombian National Government during their peace dialogue. The agreement outlines 14 operational guidelines covering joint communiqués, press conferences, media access, social media coordination, and evaluation procedures to ensure transparent and consistent public communication about the peace process. It builds upon a previous agreement on pedagogy and communication for peace signed on 5 June 2017.

Agreement document	CO_221124_Acuerdo_4_Declaraciones_y_comunicaciones_conjuntas_EN (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	CO_221124_Acuerdo 4 Declaraciones y comunicaciones conjuntas (opens in new tab)
Source of document	https://www.consejeriacomisionadadepaz.gov.co/dialogos-eln/Documents/Acuerdo%204.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 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 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

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics

Basic Guidelines:

1. For communication activities, each delegation shall appoint a person responsible for coordinating the activity.

2. Communication activities shall be scheduled sufficiently in advance, preferably one day beforehand.

The means of dissemination to be used will be agreed, such as joint communiqués and statements via social media, website publications, provision of images, press conferences, among others.

The corresponding staging and logistics will also be arranged, including the time of release of the material.

The content shall be published simultaneously through the institutional media of each delegation.

The dissemination of public materials and content (statements, communiqués, protocols, among others) produced by the Roundtable shall be broad and inclusive.

3. Press calls shall be made in accordance with the progress of the Roundtable.

4. Should any events arise requiring an immediate statement, a swift and timely declaration shall be issued, agreed upon by the heads of each delegation.

The communications team shall prepare a draft document, which will be reviewed and approved by the heads of both delegations prior to publication.

If consensus on the content of the statement is not possible, each head may issue their own position without negatively affecting the progress of the process.

5. The statements and other communication activities of each delegation must be consistent with the criteria of the Agenda and the Roundtable.

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This includes media access to the venue of the activity.

7. Through the communications team, the delegations shall coordinate the details of the media call, in coordination with the host country.

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9. Once the joint communication activities have concluded, the delegations may, if they so wish, give interviews or additional statements at a site other than the hall where the Dialogue Roundtable is in session.

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11. Unilateral communication activities undertaken at the venue of the talks shall take place in different spaces.

The entry and presence of journalists shall be monitored by the host country within the designated area and alongside the relevant delegation.

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Other

Basic Guidelines:

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13. Every humanitarian action and dynamic must be accompanied by a strategic plan of pedagogy and communication for peace, which shall be directed by the communications team of the Roundtable.

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.

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.
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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.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
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Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
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