

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo sobre la Suspensión de las Retenciones con Fines Económicos, según la Denominación del ELN, durante el CFBNT
Date	17 Dec 2023
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	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with ELN

Parties

Government of the Republic of Colombia Delegation:

Vera Grabe Loewentherz - Head of Government Delegation

Otty Patiño - Peace Commissioner

Iván Cepeda Castro

Rosmery Quintero Castro

Rodrigo Botero García

Adelaida Jiménez Cortés

José Félix Lafaurie Rivera

Horacio Guerrero García

National Liberation Army (ELN) Delegation:

Pablo Beltrán - Head of ELN Delegation

Aureliano Carbonell

Bernardo Téllez

Consuelo Tapias

Gustavo Martínez

Isabel Torres

Ernesto Alzate - As ELN Advisor

Nicolás Rodríguez

Third parties

As Peace Manager:

Orlando Romero Reyes

Violeta Arango

As Observer of the Armed Forces:

Mg. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto

As Observer of the National Police:

Bg. William Oswaldo Rincón Zambrano

As Witnesses and Depositaries - Guarantor Countries:

Glivânia María de Oliveira - Federative Republic of Brazil

José Luis Paine - Republic of Chile

Alejandro Malmierca Castaño - Republic of Cuba

Roberto de León - United Mexican States

Jon Otto Brødholt - Kingdom of Norway

Juan Carlos Jiménez Riera - Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Permanent Accompaniers:

Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu - Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Colombia

Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria - Delegate for Church-State Relations, CEC

Description	The agreement establishes mechanisms for information sharing between parties regarding any deprivations of liberty that occur during the ceasefire period, in accordance with the Protocol of Specific Actions. This suspension is formally incorporated into the extended CFBNT's Protocol on Specific Actions, representing a concrete confidence-building measure within the broader peace negotiation framework.
Agreement document	CO_231217_Acuerdo_sobre_la_Suspensión_de_las_Retenciones_con_Fines_Económicos_EN (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	CO_231217_Acuerdo sobre la Suspensión de las Retenciones con Fines Económicos (opens in new tab)
Source of document	https://www.consejeriacomisionadadepaz.gov.co/dialogos-eln/Documents/ACUERDO%2016.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.
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Civil and political rights	Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Liberty and security of person (...) Not to omit information from the MMV when the deprivation of liberty of persons occurs during the ceasefire, which concerns one of the parties."
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 Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Publicly announce the ELN's decision to suspend economic motivated detentions, as defined by the ELN, linked to the extension of the Bilateral, National and Temporary Ceasefire (CFBNT), which will take effect on 30 January 2024.
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Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces Publicly announce the ELN's decision to suspend economic motivated detentions, as defined by the ELN, linked to the extension of the Bilateral, National and Temporary Ceasefire (CFBNT), which will take effect on 30 January 2024.
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Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime Publicly announce the ELN's decision to suspend economic motivated detentions, as defined by the ELN, linked to the extension of the Bilateral, National and Temporary Ceasefire (CFBNT), which will take effect on 30 January 2024.
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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 • Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu - Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Colombia

Other international signatory • Glivânia Maria de Oliveira - Federative Republic of Brazil
• José Luis Paine - Republic of Chile
• Alejandro Malmierca Castaño - Republic of Cuba
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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.