

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo sobre la Creación y Puesta en Marcha de un Observatorio sobre las Formas del Paramilitarismo
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	Framework/substantive - partial
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

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

Third parties

ELN Advisors:

Horacio Guerrero García

Nicolás Rodríguez

Peace Managers:

Orlando Romero Reyes

Violeta Arango

Armed Forces Observer:

Mg. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto

National Police Observer:

Bg. William Oswaldo Rincón Zambrano

Guarantor Countries Representatives:

Glivânia Maria 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, Episcopal

Conference of Colombia (CEC)

Description	This agreement establishes an Observatory to monitor and study all forms of paramilitarism in Colombia as part of the broader peace dialogue between the Government and the ELN. The Observatory will be coordinated by representatives from both parties and will systematically produce information, analysis, and recommendations aimed at the eradication and prevention of paramilitarism. The Observatory will operate with support from the UN and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, maintaining autonomy in information management while working under the guidance of the Dialogue Table.
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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical The Table of Dialogues for Peace will select its members, ensuring a diverse and pluralistic composition representing various social, academic, trade union and ethnic groups.
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 The Table of Dialogues for Peace will select its members, ensuring a diverse and pluralistic composition representing various social, academic, trade union and ethnic groups.

Traditional/religious leaders It will have the support of the UN and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

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	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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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.
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

1. Create an Observatory that has as its objective to establish the different forms of paramilitarism, conducting objective and up-to-date studies and research on all forms of paramilitarism as an expression of armed conflict, focusing on observations of reality that allow measures to be taken for its eradication, overcoming and non-repetition.
2. To this end, it will systematically produce:
 - a. Information and knowledge on the subject of observation.
 - b. Newsletters.
 - c. Situation maps.
 - d. Analysis panels.
 - e. Prospective reports.
 - f. Prevention and protection instruments.
 - g. Recommendations to the Table of Dialogues for Peace.
3. The Observatory will be formed and led by the Table of Dialogues for Peace through a coordinating body composed of three delegates from each party.

In addition, it will have a degree of autonomy and independence in the management and reporting of information and its products, working in coordination with the coordinating body.

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 • 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
• Roberto de León - United Mexican States
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• Juan Carlos Jiménez Riera - Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.