

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Declaración y Acuerdo sobre el Proceso de Diseño de la Participación
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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with ELN

Parties

Government of the Republic of Colombia Delegation:

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Violeta Arango

Observers:

Mg. Hugo Alejandro López Barreto (Armed Forces)
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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 Companions:

Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu (Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Colombia)
Mons. Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria (Delegate for Church–State Relations, CEC)

Description	This agreement concludes the first phase of designing civil society's participation in Colombia's peace process between the Government and the ELN. It establishes the National Participation Network (NPN) as a coordinating body following 53 participation meetings involving 4,400 delegates from 2,185 civil society organizations. The parties commit to systematizing results, completing the National Plan and participation model, and launching a nationwide dissemination campaign by April 2024.
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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
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Disabled persons	No specific mention.
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Elderly/age	No specific mention.
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Migrant workers	No specific mention.
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Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
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Religious groups	No specific mention.
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Indigenous people	No specific mention.
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Other groups	No specific mention.
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Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
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Social class	No specific mention.
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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	To complete the design of participation, we have agreed on the following: 1. To conclude the phase of sectoral and territorial participation design meetings, systematise their results, draw up the National Plan, the model and recommendations for participation, and present them in a public event to be held in April 2024. 2. To establish the National Participation Network (NPN) as a coordinating body for the sectoral and territorial networks that have emerged from the various meetings held. 3. To entrust the NPN with the promotion of society's participation in all procedures and components of the peace process between the Government and the ELN. 4. To prepare the groundwork for the broadest dissemination and education campaign of the National Participation Plan throughout the country.
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.
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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.
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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	Permanent Companions Carlos G. Ruiz Massieu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Colombia
Other international signatory	Guarantor Countries 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
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
