

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acerca del desarrollo de la Zona de Ubicación Temporal del área rural de Tibú Norte de Santander
Date	14 Jul 2025
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	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with ELN

Parties	Gloria Quiceno Acevedo, Government Delegate at the Peace Dialogue Table Andrey Avendaño, Delegate Front 33 EMBF FARC-EP
Third parties	-
Description	This joint communiqué from the Peace Dialogue Table between the Colombian government and the 33rd Front (EMBF) of the FARC-EP reports on the preparation phase for a Temporary Location Zone (ZUT) in rural Tibú, Norte de Santander, established under Resolution 161 of 2025. It announces that additional demining is needed before the ZUT can become operational and describes a broad community and institutional dissemination process that has been carried out. The delegations reaffirm commitments to peace with social justice in Catatumbo, including territorial transformation, the return of displaced families, protection of children and indigenous Barí people, and the end of armed conflict in the region.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical We reaffirm our commitment to advancing peace with social justice in Catatumbo through territorial transformations that address the root causes of the conflict, ending the war, the dignified return of displaced families, the freedom of kidnapped or detained persons, the protection of children, adolescents, and young people, the right of communities to their territory, the recognition and respect of the Barí people, the protection of nature and strategic ecosystems, and the strengthening of democracy. Groups→Children/youth→Other 3. During this period, the Peace Dialogue Table has been carrying out the dissemination process regarding the ZUT with communities and their organisations, including the Barí people and their authorities, Madres del Catatumbo, peasant organisations, Asojuntas, Research Centre, agricultural associations and producers, Unión Campesina Peasant Reserve Area, young innovators, displaced persons, peace signatories, and the Commission and Humanitarian Roundtable of Catatumbo.
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	Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical We reaffirm our commitment to advancing peace with social justice in Catatumbo through territorial transformations that address the root causes of the conflict, ending the war, the dignified return of displaced families, the freedom of kidnapped or detained persons, the protection of children, adolescents, and young people, the right of communities to their territory, the recognition and respect of the Barí people, the protection of nature and strategic ecosystems, and the strengthening of democracy. Groups→Indigenous people→Other 3. During this period, the Peace Dialogue Table has been carrying out the dissemination process regarding the ZUT with communities and their organisations, including the Barí people and their authorities, Madres del Catatumbo, peasant organisations, Asojuntas, Research Centre, agricultural associations and producers, Unión Campesina Peasant Reserve Area, young innovators, displaced persons, peace signatories, and the Commission and Humanitarian Roundtable of Catatumbo.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical We reaffirm our commitment to advancing peace with social justice in Catatumbo through territorial transformations that address the root causes of the conflict, ending the war, the dignified return of displaced families, the freedom of kidnapped or detained persons, the protection of children, adolescents, and young people, the right of communities to their territory, the recognition and respect of the Barí people, the protection of nature and strategic ecosystems, and the strengthening of democracy.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family We reaffirm our commitment to advancing peace with social justice in Catatumbo through territorial transformations that address the root causes of the conflict, ending the war, the dignified return of displaced families, the freedom of kidnapped or detained persons, the protection of children, adolescents, and young people, the right of communities to their territory, the recognition and respect of the Barí people, the protection of nature and strategic ecosystems, and the strengthening of democracy.

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 3. During this period, the Peace Dialogue Table has been carrying out the dissemination process regarding the ZUT with communities and their organisations, including the Barí people and their authorities, Madres del Catatumbo, peasant organisations, Asojuntas, Research Centre, agricultural associations and producers, Unión Campesina Peasant Reserve Area, young innovators, displaced persons, peace signatories, and the Commission and Humanitarian Roundtable of Catatumbo.
Also participating in this dissemination process were the media, the Municipal and Departmental Peace Councils, the Tibú Mayor's Office, the Government of Norte de Santander, the ICBF, ADR, DSCI, ANT, the Ombudsman's Office, the Public Forces, the Episcopal Conference, SENA, the Ministry of Environment, National Natural Parks and the international community.

Traditional/religious leaders Also participating in this dissemination process were the media, the Municipal and Departmental Peace Councils, the Tibú Mayor's Office, the Government of Norte de Santander, the ICBF, ADR, DSCI, ANT, the Ombudsman's Office, the Public Forces, the Episcopal Conference, SENA, the Ministry of Environment, National Natural Parks and the international community.

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 The ZUT received citizen and institutional support, with observations emphasising that the safety of the population be prioritised and that the full implementation of the social rule of law be guaranteed in the ZUT.

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 No specific mention.

Mobility/access 1. During the preparation phase, we have identified the need to increase demining efforts in the designated area for ZUT and the surrounding areas to guarantee the necessary security conditions for the mobility of the community, public servants, international organisations, accompanying persons and guarantors, public forces, and members of the 33rd Front, as well as other activities that enable its proper functioning.

Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians 1. During the preparation phase, we have identified the need to increase demining efforts in the designated area for ZUT and the surrounding areas to guarantee the necessary security conditions for the mobility of the community, public servants, international organisations, accompanying persons and guarantors, public forces, and members of the 33rd Front, as well as other activities that enable its proper functioning. Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups 1. During the preparation phase, we have identified the need to increase demining efforts in the designated area for ZUT and the surrounding areas to guarantee the necessary security conditions for the mobility of the community, public servants, international organisations, accompanying persons and guarantors, public forces, and members of the 33rd Front, as well as other activities that enable its proper functioning.
Other	No specific mention.

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
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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 We reaffirm our commitment to advancing peace with social justice in Catatumbo through territorial transformations that address the root causes of the conflict, ending the war, the dignified return of displaced families, the freedom of kidnapped or detained persons, the protection of children, adolescents, and young people, the right of communities to their territory, the recognition and respect of the Barí people, the protection of nature and strategic ecosystems, and the strengthening of democracy.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

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Within the framework of the peace talks between the national government and the EMBF of the FARC-EP, and as part of the commitments arising from Resolution 161 of May 23, 2025, issued by the Presidency of the Republic, which established the creation of a Temporary Location Zone (ZUT) in the rural area of Tibú, Norte de Santander, for the members of the 33rd Front, we hereby inform you of the following:

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

Within the framework of the peace talks between the national government and the EMBF of the FARC-EP, and as part of the commitments arising from Resolution 161 of May 23, 2025, issued by the Presidency of the Republic, which established the creation of a Temporary Location Zone (ZUT) in the rural area of Tibú, Norte de Santander, for the members of the 33rd Front, we hereby inform you of the following:

1. During the preparation phase, we have identified the need to increase demining efforts in the designated area for ZUT and the surrounding areas to guarantee the necessary security conditions for the mobility of the community, public servants, international organisations, accompanying persons and guarantors, public forces, and members of the 33rd Front, as well as other activities that enable its proper functioning.

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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