

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo No. 12: Entrega, Verificación y Destrucción Progresiva de Material de Guerra entre el Gobierno Nacional de la República de Colombia y la Coordinadora Nacional Ejército Bolivariano (CNEB)
Date	19 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	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with the Coordinadora Nacional Ejército Bolivariano (CNEB)

Parties

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Accompanying Entities:

Angela Bargellini (Delegate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Colombia)

Mons. Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria (Delegate of the Episcopal Conference of Colombia)

Verifying Organisation:

Christian Rodríguez Gutmann (Coordinator of the Ceasefire and Urban Peace Area, Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia - MAPP-OAS)

Description

This agreement establishes a technical, verifiable, and progressive framework for the handover and destruction of war material by the CNEB to the Colombian government as a confidence building measure toward de-escalation. The five-phase process includes operational activation, handover and verification, custody and transfer, technical destruction, and evaluation, with the Mission to Support the Peace Process (MAPP-OAS) providing accompaniment and verification. The agreement outlines detailed commitments for both parties, including the CNEB's responsibility to inventory and collect explosive devices and munitions, the government's obligation to safely destroy the material, and provisions for temporary suspension of military operations during the process to ensure security for all participants.

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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	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	2. Guiding Principles ... Human dignity: Respect for the rights of all persons involved.
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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	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizenship other 1. INTRODUCTION: ... Both delegations express their willingness to advance towards the de-escalation of the armed conflict in these territories, based on Agreement No. 2, the transition to full citizenship for members of the CNEB, and the creation of conditions enabling the development of territorial transformations.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians 2. Guiding Principles ... Comprehensive security: Protection of operational personnel, nearby communities, the environment, and the facilities used. Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups 2. Guiding Principles ... Comprehensive security: Protection of operational personnel, nearby communities, the environment, and the facilities used.
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**2. Guiding Principles**

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Comprehensive security: Protection of operational personnel, nearby communities, the environment, and the facilities used.

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector**Security Guarantees****2. Guiding Principles**

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Comprehensive security: Protection of operational personnel, nearby communities, the environment, and the facilities used.

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4. Commitments

The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments:

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4.2. Commitments of the CNEB

...

- The CNEB undertakes that the members present in the process of delivery and verification of war material be representative members with arrest warrants suspended in force and previously recognized by presidential resolution.

They shall not be armed or wear uniforms or insignia reserved for the exclusive use of the Public Force during the process.

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4.3. Commitments of the National Government

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- The National Government shall guarantee the physical and legal security of the representatives participating in the process of location, verification, and destruction of the war material.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

4. Commitments

The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments:

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4.2. Commitments of the CNEB

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- CNEB reaffirm its commitment of non-aggression towards the Public Force and shall order its structures to suspend offensive actions, in order to facilitate the verification and destruction process of war material.

4.3. Commitments of the National Government

...

- The National Government shall facilitate measures allowing the temporary, limited, and targeted suspension of offensive military operations and special police operations for the process of location and verification of the war material.

Police

1. Scope and Purpose

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The technical procedure for destruction shall be the sole responsibility of the Public Force, duly trained and certified for this purpose, in accordance with established technical, operational, and safety standards.

...

Once destruction has taken place, the Public Force shall conduct a technical inspection of the area intervened in order to mitigate risks arising from possible remnants of undestroyed explosive material and to guarantee environmental safety.

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4. Commitments

The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments:

...

4.2. Commitments of the CNEB

...

They shall not be armed or wear uniforms or insignia reserved for the exclusive use of the Public Force during the process.

- Refrain from interfering with the access of the Public Force's technical and operational teams to the area where the destruction of war material is to take place.
- CNEB reaffirm its commitment of non-aggression towards the Public Force and shall order its structures to suspend offensive actions, in order to facilitate the verification and destruction process of war material.

4.3. Commitments of the National Government

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- The National Government shall facilitate measures allowing the temporary, limited, and targeted suspension of offensive military operations and special police operations for the process of location and verification of the war material.

Armed forces

1. Scope and Purpose

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4. Commitments

The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments:

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- The National Government shall facilitate measures allowing the temporary, limited, and targeted suspension of offensive military operations and special police operations for the process of location and verification of the war material.

1. INTRODUCTION:

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As a confidence-building measure, the present agreement is signed, establishing general rules for the handover and destruction of war material to be carried out within the framework of the Peace Dialogue Table, whose operational implementation is governed by the Protocol on the Process of Destruction of War Material.

This agreement shall apply on all occasions where the handover and destruction of war material is required, each of which shall be accompanied by a specific operational roadmap.

1. Scope and Purpose

The process of handover and destruction of war material is technical, verifiable, and progressive, aimed at strengthening trust, contributing to the de-escalation of the conflict, and creating conditions that ensure guarantees of non-repetition.

The destruction of war material involves rigorous logistical planning, risk assessment, compliance with technical procedures, and the active participation of the delegations. Its effective implementation depends on institutional coordination led by the National Government, the commitment to peace of the Coordinadora Nacional Ejército Bolivariano (CNEB), and adherence to the technical conditions established within the framework of the commitments undertaken at the Peace Dialogue Table.

The Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS) shall accompany the process, in accordance with the conditions set out herein.

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The technical procedure for destruction shall be the sole responsibility of the Public Force, duly trained and certified for this purpose, in accordance with established technical, operational, and safety standards.

Each phase shall be documented through technical records signed by the delegations and international accompanying bodies, which shall be kept by the Office of the Counsellor Commissioner for Peace and the MAPP-OAS.

The Office of the Attorney General of the Nation shall also be invited to accompany the verification process.

Once destruction has taken place, the Public Force shall conduct a technical inspection of the area intervened in order to mitigate risks arising from possible remnants of undestroyed explosive material and to guarantee environmental safety.

2. Guiding Principles

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Human dignity: Respect for the rights of all persons involved.

Good faith and cooperation: Mutual commitment to fulfilling the agreements reached.

Traceability and transparency: A verifiable record of each phase of the process.

Comprehensive security: Protection of operational personnel, nearby communities, the environment, and the facilities used.

Technical rigour and control: Strict application of technical standards, operational procedures, and safety regulations in the destruction process.

Technical adaptability (in a limited form): Adjustments to protocols and procedures based on lessons learned, without compromising control or traceability.

3. Phases of the Process

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The operational development of these phases is set out in the Protocol on the Process of Destruction of War Material and in the specific operational roadmap for each handover. This roadmap shall take into account the territorial, logistical, and security context, the technical capacities available, and the climatic, social, and environmental conditions of the location.

4. Commitments

The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments:

**Intelligence
services**

No specific mention.

1. INTRODUCTION:

...

Both delegations express their willingness to advance towards the de-escalation of the armed conflict in these territories, based on Agreement No. 2, the transition to full citizenship for members of the CNEB, and the creation of conditions enabling the development of territorial transformations.

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1. Scope and Purpose

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Its effective implementation depends on institutional coordination led by the National Government, the commitment to peace of the Coordinadora Nacional Ejército Bolivariano (CNEB), and adherence to the technical conditions established within the framework of the commitments undertaken at the Peace Dialogue Table.

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Each phase shall be documented through technical records signed by the delegations and international accompanying bodies, which shall be kept by the Office of the Counsellor Commissioner for Peace and the MAPP-OAS.

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4. Commitments

The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments:

4.1. General Commitments

- Act in a coordinated manner to ensure compliance with this Agreement and provide the information and other elements or conditions necessary for the concentration, preparation, handover, verification, and destruction of the CNEB's war material.

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- Allow the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS) to accompany the process of reception and verification of the war material to be handed over by the CNEB to the National Government.

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4.2. Commitments of the CNEB

- Provide the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS) and the National Government with an inventory recording the quantity, location, type, and characteristics of the war material, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol on the Process of Destruction of War Material.

- Collect and place the war material in the agreed area under the terms set out in the Protocol on the Process of Destruction of War Material.

The collection, handling, and placement of the war material shall be the responsibility of the CNEB.

- The CNEB undertakes that the members present in the process of delivery and verification of war material be representative members with arrest warrants suspended in force and previously recognized by presidential resolution.

They shall not be armed or wear uniforms or insignia reserved for the exclusive use of the Public Force during the process.

- Refrain from interfering with the access of the Public Force's technical and operational teams to the area where the destruction of war material is to take place.

- CNEB reaffirm its commitment of non-aggression towards the Public Force and shall order its structures to suspend offensive actions, in order to facilitate the verification and destruction process of war material.

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	The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments: ... 4.4. Commitments of the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS): ... The Accompanying Entities sign Angela Bargellini, Delegate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Colombia
Other international signatory	The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments: ... 4.4. Commitments of the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS): ... As witnesses and depositories, the Guarantor Countries sign Carlos Pino, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Mithra Akhbari, Swiss Confederation
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	1. Scope and Purpose ... The Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS) shall accompany the process, in accordance with the conditions set out herein. ... Each phase shall be documented through technical records signed by the delegations and international accompanying bodies, which shall be kept by the Office of the Counsellor Commissioner for Peace and the MAPP-OAS. ... 4. Commitments The delegations shall be bound by the following commitments: ... 4.4. Commitments of the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS): The Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OAS) shall limit its role to accompanying the process of reception and verification of the war material to be handed over by the CNEB to the National Government, without participating in its transfer, handling, or organisation. Once the process has concluded, the delegations request that the MAPP-OAS present a confidential report to the Table on the process of accompanying the reception and destruction of the war material handed over, and this shall be mentioned in its biannual reports.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.