

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Declaración del Proceso para la Desmovilización del autodenominado Ejército Gaitanista de Colombia
Date	18 Sep 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.

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Colombian Conflict (1964 -)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with the Autodefensas Gaitanistas de Colombia

Parties	For the National Government: Álvaro Jiménez Millán Armando Custodio Wouriyu Valbuena Agueda Plata Gómez OCCP Technical Team: Giorgio Londoño Medina (OCCP Technical Team)
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Description	This declaration formally launches the "Socio-Legal Conversation Space" between the Colombian National Government and the self-proclaimed Gaitanista Army of Colombia (a)EGC, signed in Doha, Qatar. It designates five municipalities in Antioquia and Chocó as pilot areas for confidence-building measures including illicit crop substitution, child protection, environmental regulation, migration management, and justice sector presence. At the national level, the (a)EGC commits to respecting electoral processes and IHL, while both parties agree to request international monitoring and to continue talks in Qatar.
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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical We define children and adolescents (NNA) as the foundation for peacebuilding. Therefore, the armed group reiterates its commitment to respecting their rights. Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Nonetheless, the group will conduct a new census among its members to verify the situation, and, should any cases be identified, they will be placed under the care of the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) for the restoration of their rights.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	Groups→Migrant workers→Substantive Regarding the persistence of irregular migration in the five municipalities, a working group will be formed under the leadership of Migración Colombia, aimed at discouraging illegal activities that affect the rights of migrants and the sovereignty of the State.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical For each of the aforementioned aspects, working groups will be created with the participation of community members, as well as local, regional and ethnic authorities.
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 Nonetheless, the group will conduct a new census among its members to verify the situation, and, should any cases be identified, they will be placed under the care of the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF) for the restoration of their rights.

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At the national level:

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This mechanism will operate under the principles of impartiality and independence and will give due consideration to all victims of such violations, including members of the (a)EGC, State agents, civilians and, where appropriate, their immediate family members, in accordance with applicable international and national legal standards.

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 For each of the aforementioned aspects, working groups will be created with the participation of community members, as well as local, regional and ethnic authorities.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration In the five municipalities, the National Government, through the Ministry of Justice and Law, will deploy, in coordination with the judiciary and the competent administrative authorities, a permanent presence adapted to the social, historical, economic, cultural and political characteristics of each territory, with the aim of strengthening them.

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 National Government, through the ICBF, will lead a coordination plan to address rights deficits and to develop safe environments. ... At the national level: ... A joint request will be submitted for the Attorney General's Office, in full exercise of its constitutional and legal autonomy, to establish a special mechanism for prioritising cases of alleged violations of IHL. This mechanism will operate under the principles of impartiality and independence and will give due consideration to all victims of such violations, including members of the (a)EGC, State agents, civilians and, where appropriate, their immediate family members, in accordance with applicable international and national legal standards. The (a)EGC will continue its commitment to promote, respect and ensure that its members comply with the principles of International Humanitarian Law—distinction, humanity, proportionality and precaution—and with International Human Rights Law. ... The national government takes note that the (a)EGC rejects being characterised as a paramilitary or neo-paramilitary group and reiterates that the legal classification of the (a)EGC will be determined in accordance with international and Colombian law and transitional justice mechanisms.
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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation	At the national level: ... The (a)EGC undertakes not to interfere in the Comprehensive Action Against Anti-Personnel Mines, in accordance with the rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Ottawa Treaty.
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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

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles

A pedagogical strategy aimed at its members, with an ethnic, population, differential, and territorial focus, will be defined in conjunction with the (a)EGC.

For this purpose, the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defence will develop educational actions with the communities to ensure social appropriation of this code.

At the national level:

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Likewise, it will carry out educational campaigns among its members to promote respect for free elections.

Mobility/access

No specific mention.

Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of civilians

The security, non-stigmatisation and protection of those participating in these events will be the responsibility of the State, which shall be verified by the mechanisms adopted in the implementation of these commitments.

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At the national level:

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The national government and the (a)EGC undertake to avoid practices such as perfidy that endanger the civilian population or undermine confidence in public and private services.

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 Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management
The implementation of a pilot pedagogy programme for the total substitution of illicit-use crops in the five municipalities is established, taking into account voluntary participation, technical assistance and alternative livelihoods.

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For the implementation of national and international environmental laws, a working group will be established under the leadership of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS) to address issues of watershed protection, timber harvesting, wildlife, the impacts of mining and the expansion of the agricultural frontier.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment For the implementation of national and international environmental laws, a working group will be established under the leadership of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADS) to address issues of watershed protection, timber harvesting, wildlife, the impacts of mining and the expansion of the agricultural frontier.

**Water or riparian
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Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** The security, non-stigmatisation and protection of those participating in these events will be the responsibility of the State, which shall be verified by the mechanisms adopted in the implementation of these commitments.

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At the national level:

The (a)EGC reaffirms its commitment to respect and not interfere in the conduct of political and electoral processes.

Likewise, it will carry out educational campaigns among its members to promote respect for free elections.

In addition, it will maintain respect for and access to State institutions, without interference, in the work they carry out for the benefit of the civilian population.

The (a)EGC undertakes not to interfere in the Comprehensive Action Against Anti-Personnel Mines, in accordance with the rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Ottawa Treaty.

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The national government and the (a)EGC undertake to avoid practices such as perfidy that endanger the civilian population or undermine confidence in public and private services.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions At the national level: ... The (a)EGC undertakes not to interfere in the Comprehensive Action Against Anti-Personnel Mines, in accordance with the rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Ottawa Treaty.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Without prejudice to the legal status of the (a)EGC as a non-State armed group, a non-member spokesperson, delegated by the (a)EGC for these municipalities, will participate, and differential/population-based approaches will always be taken into account. ... At the national level: The (a)EGC reaffirms its commitment to respect and not interfere in the conduct of political and electoral processes. Likewise, it will carry out educational campaigns among its members to promote respect for free elections. In addition, it will maintain respect for and access to State institutions, without interference, in the work they carry out for the benefit of the civilian population. The (a)EGC undertakes not to interfere in the Comprehensive Action Against Anti-Personnel Mines, in accordance with the rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Ottawa Treaty. ... This mechanism will operate under the principles of impartiality and independence and will give due consideration to all victims of such violations, including members of the (a)EGC, State agents, civilians and, where appropriate, their immediate family members, in accordance with applicable international and national legal standards. The (a)EGC will continue its commitment to promote, respect and ensure that its members comply with the principles of International Humanitarian Law—distinction, humanity, proportionality and precaution—and with International Human Rights Law. The national government and the (a)EGC undertake to avoid practices such as perfidy that endanger the civilian population or undermine confidence in public and private services. The national government takes note that the (a)EGC rejects being characterised as a paramilitary or neo-paramilitary group and reiterates that the legal classification of the (a)EGC will be determined in accordance with international and Colombian law and transitional justice mechanisms.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	The implementation of a pilot pedagogy programme for the total substitution of illicit-use crops in the five municipalities is established, taking into account voluntary participation, technical assistance and alternative livelihoods. To this end, a working group will be formed under the leadership of the Directorate for the Substitution of Illicit Crops (DSCI).
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism **At the national level:**
 ...
 A joint request will be submitted for the Attorney General's Office, in full exercise of its constitutional and legal autonomy, to establish a special mechanism for prioritising cases of alleged violations of IHL.
 This mechanism will operate under the principles of impartiality and independence and will give due consideration to all victims of such violations, including members of the (a)EGC, State agents, civilians and, where appropriate, their immediate family members, in accordance with applicable international and national legal standards.
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Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims **At the national level:**
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Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar **At the national level:**
...
We agree to request the Government of Qatar, the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organisation of American States (MAPP/OAS), the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia (CEC) to carry out the follow-up, monitoring and verification of what is described herein.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.
