AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CURRENT OF SOCIALIST RENEWAL IN FLOR DEL MONTE

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1. The national government and the Current of Socialist Renewal (Corriente de Renovación Socialista, CRS), in the belief that the negotiation process contributes to the political solution to the armed conflict, reaffirm their desire to pursue the process to reach agreements that allow peaceful coexistence, the reincorporation of members of the guerrilla group into civil life and its transformation into a legal political movement.

2. The national leadership of CRS communicates its decision to maintain its unilateral ceasefire and suspend all offensive activities and those that may affect the civil population. Similarly, the national government reaffirms its decision to continue implementing programmes to combat all factors of violence affecting Colombian society.

3. To ensure an effective negotiation process that allows full verification of the ceasefire, CRS members will relocate to Flor del Monte, in the municipality of Ovejas, in the department of Sucre, where Decree 2198, 1993, will apply for the duration of negotiations.

4. Upon the relocation of CRS members to Flor del Monte, a demilitarised zone will be defined free from the presence of state security bodies and CRS members. The national government will establish control mechanisms to facilitate the normal development of negotiations.

5. To promote the negotiating process, CRS will appoint five national and two regional spokespeople, chosen from candidates who have no legal impediments or judicial requirements. The spokespeople will have three premises located in the cities of Bogotá, Barranquilla and Bucaramanga to facilitate their activities, in addition to security and transport services provided by the state for exercising their functions.

CRS appoints the following national spokespeople:
1. Franklin Alberto Donado Huertas (San Juan Nepomuceno)
2. Carlos Eduardo Caycedo Quar (Santa Marta)
3. Norma Lucía Bermúdez (Pereira)

CRS appoints the following regional spokespeople:

1. Luis Alberto Cabeza Espinel (Bucaramanga)
2. Spokesperson for Barranquilla to be defined.

6. The following agenda is established to reach final agreements, for which relevant organisations and figures will be invited to make contributions prior to discussion of the items:

1. human rights;
2. public participation;
3. economic consensus;
4. regional development;
5. economic and social reinsertion;
6. political favourability;
7. legal benefits;
8. the surrender of arms.

7. The agenda item for regional development includes the implementation of special social investment programmes for zones affected by the conflict between the state and CRS. The design of these programmes will be discussed as part of the agenda and their implementation will consider the use of community participation and governmental investment mechanisms established for this purpose.

8. The national government and CRS invite the church to act as moral tutor of the process and witness to the negotiations and the agreements reached. To verify compliance with the final agreements, the national government and CRS will establish a monitoring commission, which will include international organisations, in addition to the government and CRS. One of these organisations is invited as observer for the signing of the initial political agreement and the discussion of the verification mechanisms for the final agreements.
9. The government and CRS invite the media and the community in general to follow and support this negotiation to ensure it contributes to the peace and development of the country.

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