

AGREEMENT NUMBER 9, COMPREHENSIVE REINTEGRATION OF THE COMUNEROS DEL SUR FOR PEACE AND TERRITORIAL TRANSFORMATION

Introduction

The delegations of the National Government and of Comuneros del Sur reaffirm their commitment to the transition towards full citizenship for the members of this group. The path of collective reintegration constitutes the gateway to society for those who decide to lay down the arms and actively commit to the construction of peace.

Both delegations recognise that the reintegration process represents a cornerstone for the consolidation of peace, and share the conviction that territorial transformation — one of the main pillars of the Roundtable for the Co-Construction of Territorial Peace in Nariño — must include the members of Comuneros del Sur as fundamental actors.

In addition to the political and technical commitment to reintegration, it is clear that peacebuilding requires economic, social, and community conditions that strengthen this process and enable the overcoming of structural problems such as exclusion, stigmatisation, and discrimination. These factors directly affect the transition towards full citizenship and contribute to desertion from the process and to the persistence of violence that gravely impacts the department of Nariño. In this sense, reintegration promotes peaceful coexistence and reconciliation in the territories where it is implemented.

1. Commitments of the National Government

The National Government, through the Agency for Reincorporation and Normalisation (ARN), undertakes the design, development, and implementation of the Comprehensive Reintegration Programme for Peace and Territorial Transformation, aimed at members of Comuneros del Sur who begin their transition towards civilian life and full citizenship.

The programme shall apply to the following members of the Comuneros del Sur: (1) adult combatants; (2) individuals who do not participate directly in combat but belong to Comuneros del Sur in other capacities, such as logistical, political, and social matters; and (3) former combatants with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Comuneros del Sur shall certify their members. The benefits of the Reintegration Programme may also apply to individuals other than those mentioned, as long as a connection with Comuneros del Sur is proven.

The Programme must include specific components in the following areas: education, comprehensive health, psychosocial and community well-being, support for access to housing, economic benefits, employability and dignified and sustainable labour inclusion, as well as support in the formulation, implementation, and sustainability of productive projects. Likewise, support shall be guaranteed for the full exercise of the political rights of reintegrated members. This Agreement shall be applied in conjunction with the other agreements signed by the Roundtable for the Co-Construction of Territorial Peace in Nariño, particularly those related to location and destruction of war material, the development and materialisation of everyday peace, as well as the rights of victims.

The components of the Programme shall be oriented towards strengthening the process of territorial transformation, with a participatory approach, and must ensure the effective involvement of Comuneros del Sur. Both the design and implementation of the programme

must incorporate differential approaches, with special attention to gender, ethnic, disability, and older persons' perspectives.

Once this Agreement is signed, the National Government shall have a maximum period of sixty (60) days to present the Reintegration Programme for Peace and Territorial Transformation for Comuneros del Sur. If necessary, after delivering the programme, it must also undertake the process of regulatory incorporation required for its implementation, as well as guarantee the resources and budgetary allocations necessary for its effective execution.

2. Commitments of Comuneros del Sur

As a condition for accessing the Reintegration Programme for Peace and Territorial Transformation, the Comuneros del Sur undertake to continue with the progressive process of laying down arms, in accordance with the provisions of Agreement Number 4: Destruction of War Material of Comuneros del Sur, as well as with other agreements and protocols signed on this matter.

Likewise, Comuneros del Sur commit to actively contributing to the fulfilment of victims' rights to truth, justice, reparation, and non-repetition, under the terms defined in Agreement Number 6: For Truth, Memory and the Dignification of Victims, whose development is regarded as complementary to and interdependent with the reintegration process. This commitment also extends to other agreements signed in relation to guaranteeing the rights of victims.

Participation in the Reintegration Programme shall be subject to compliance with the commitments undertaken by the members of Comuneros del Sur, which shall be recorded in each case, in particular the non-commission of new crimes, as these run counter to the spirit and objectives of this Agreement.

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