

AGREEMENT No. 12: HANDOVER, VERIFICATION AND PROGRESSIVE DESTRUCTION OF WAR MATERIAL BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA AND THE COORDINADORA NACIONAL EJÉRCITO BOLIVARIANO (CNEB)

1. INTRODUCTION:

The National Government of Colombia and the Coordinadora Nacional Ejército Bolivariano (CNEB) reaffirm their commitment to building a sustainable and transformative total peace in the territories where the CNEB is present. 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.

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.

The war material subject to this agreement refers to explosive devices, munitions, improvised devices, unconventional warfare components, and other devices with destructive capacity or ballistic risk, whose handling or continued presence poses a danger to communities and the environment.

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

The process shall be governed by the following principles:

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

The process shall comprise the following phases:

- Phase I: Operational Activation
- Phase II: Handover and Verification of War Material
- Phase III: Custody and Technical Transfer
- Phase IV: Technical Destruction
- Phase V: Evaluation and Feedback

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:

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.
- Disseminate this Agreement internally.
- 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.
- Agree on the area where the war material shall be located for its handover, verification, and destruction, as established in the **Protocol on the Process of Destruction of War Material**.
- The delegations agree to hold a ceremonial event for the handover, verification, and destruction of war material, to which the President of the Republic shall be invited.

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.

4.3. Commitments of the National Government

- The National Government shall undertake the necessary coordination to ensure the protection and security of the process of reception and verification of the war material to be handed over by the CNEB to the National Government.
- The National Government commits to destroying, under safe conditions, the war material handed over by the CNEB, once it has been verified.
- 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.
- 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.
- It shall guarantee engagement with local communities in cases where the process of location, verification, and destruction overlaps with their territories.

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.

Glossary:

- **Technical records:** Formal documents recording the phases of the process (handover, verification, destruction), signed by the delegations and international observers (Guarantors and accompanying entities).
- **Technical destruction:** A specialised and controlled procedure for dismantling war material.
- **Roadmap:** An operational instrument detailing the conditions and logistical and technical aspects for each specific handover of war material.
- **War material:** A set of explosive devices, munitions, improvised devices, unconventional warfare components, and other devices with destructive capacity or ballistic risk, whose handling or continued presence poses a danger to communities and the environment.
- **Unified Command Post (UCP):** An inter-institutional operational coordination body that supervises each phase of the handover and destruction of war material.

Signed at the Inda Zabaleta Indigenous Reserve, Tumaco, on 19 July 2025.

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