

AGREEMENT OF LOS POZOS

9 February 2001

1. The national government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular, FARC–EP*) ratify their desire to continue with the peace process in search of a solution to the conflict by means of dialogue and negotiation to build a developing Colombia with full social justice.
2. After a joint evaluation of the process, we identified achievements and weaknesses and reached full agreement that solid foundations have been created to continue the search for national reconciliation.
3. The government and FARC–EP agree on the importance of making progress in the talks on the mechanisms to overcome paramilitarism and reduce the intensity of the conflict. For this purpose, the Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation will create a commission of national figures to produce recommendations in these two areas.
4. FARC–EP will resume the operation of the Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiations.
5. We agree that the Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiations will restart its work on 14 February, returning to the substantial issues of the agenda and beginning discussion of the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities.
6. The humanitarian agreement to allow the release of sick soldiers, police and guerrillas will be expedited.
7. To ensure there are no interruptions to the negotiations, the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation will create an internal commission to study the events affecting the progress of the process. The commission will be created by 15 February at the latest.
8. The demilitarised zone has been established solely for the development of the process with full guarantees and security for the parties. The National Roundtable for Dialogue

and Negotiation will establish an internal mechanism to periodically evaluate the report on the compliance and purpose of the zone by 15 February at the latest.

9. Aware of the importance of the international community to the success of the peace process in Colombia, we invite a group of friendly countries and international organisations to an event on 8 March to inform them about the state and development of the process and encourage their involvement. The National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation will determine the frequency of these meetings.
10. FARC–EP does not oppose projects for the manual eradication and substitution of illicit crops but reiterates that such a process must have the agreement of the communities. The national government and FARC agree on the strategic importance of working on the protection and recovery of the environment.
11. The national government and FARC–EP invite the political forces signatory to the agreement of Caquetania on 28 February to a meeting in Los Pozos to give renewed energy to the process. We reiterate our invitation to all national figures and organisations who are sceptical of the process to discuss the contributions of all Colombians to the national reconciliation.
12. It will be possible to expand the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation, subject to common agreement, and there will be at least three sessions per week.
13. We invite all Colombians to support this shared effort, which has the potential to overcome the conflict from which we are suffering.

Signed:

- ANDRÉS PASTRANA ARANGO, FARC-EP
- MANUEL MARULANDA VÉLEZ, Presidente de la República