

Protocol on the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism for the temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National Liberation Army)

Pursuant to the agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire signed between the Government of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional – ELN (National Liberation Army) on 8 June 2023, the present protocol establishes the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

1. Components of the national body

At least four members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

At least three members from the Government of Colombia

At least three members from ELN

Two members from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia

2. Role of the national body

- a. Ensure the deployment of the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.
- b. Direct the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism and oversee the activities of its regional and local bodies.
- c. Provide technical findings on events that constitute possible incidents under the protocol on specific actions during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire and that, due to their importance, must be addressed by this body.
- d. Support activities related to compliance with the protocols within the framework of its monitoring and verification work.
- e. Perform monitoring and verification tasks to help identify possible incidents.
- f. Make recommendations to the peace talks panel to ensure compliance with the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.
- g. Go into the field to support monitoring and verification activities in cases that require its presence due to their complexity.
- h. Present periodic evaluations on the implementation of its mandate to the parties and the public.
- i. Ensure that the information received from its regional and local bodies is protected and archived.
- j. Maintain constant communication and coordination between its components. At the same time, each component shall communicate with the regional and local bodies through their respective communication channels.
- k. In the event that members of ELN, members of the armed forces, the police or law enforcement agencies, or civilians are deprived of liberty during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, any component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall promptly report the event to the national body, which shall take the appropriate steps to assess and monitor the situation and make the relevant recommendations in accordance with the agreed protocols.

3. Regional body

3.1 Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

At least two members from the Government of Colombia

A communications liaison between ELN fronts and the United Nations Verification Mission

One member from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia

3.2. Role

- a. Report to the national body on events and incidents of which it should be aware. If the incident falls within its competence, present its findings and recommendations.
- b. Coordinate with the national and local bodies to compile, verify, evaluate and prepare technical reports on incidents that constitute alleged violations of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire and on compliance with the recommendations made to the parties.
- c. Guide the field work of the local bodies and provide support when the complexity of the incident warrants it.

4. Local body

4.1. Composition

At least three members from the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia

At least one member from the Government of Colombia

A communications liaison between ELN fronts and the United Nations Verification Mission

One member from the Episcopal Conference of Colombia

4.2. Role

- a. The international component shall observe, collect, record and analyse field information relevant to its mandate regarding compliance with the provisions of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire by the Government of Colombia and ELN.
- b. Under the terms of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the international component shall coordinate as necessary with the members of the local body appointed by the Government of Colombia – public security force and ELN to avoid incidents.

ELN shall use its own channels to maintain communication with its units to inform and coordinate, together with the representatives of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, all activities related to the temporary bilateral national ceasefire to avoid incidents.

The member of the local body appointed by the Government of Colombia – public security force shall maintain constant communication with the units of the public security force and other institutions in their respective jurisdictions and, through the established channels, shall be responsible for communicating and coordinating with the representatives of the United Nations Verification

Mission in Colombia all activities related to the temporary bilateral national ceasefire to avoid incidents.

- c. Alert the regional body to the possible occurrence of incidents that may be a violation of the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.
- d. Receive information from the social monitoring body.

5. Peace talks panel

The peace talks panel shall be the highest decision-making body regarding the ceasefire based on the reports and recommendations of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia.

The panel shall receive and evaluate the reports and recommendations of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, resolve crises, and extend and adjust the agreement and protocols on the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

No incident in and of itself shall be cause for the unilateral termination of the ceasefire agreement.

Havana, Republic of Cuba, 9 June 2023.

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