

Supplementary protocol on the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism for the temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN)

Pursuant to the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN), signed on 9 June 2023, the present text complements the Protocol on the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism for the temporary national bilateral ceasefire.

1. Purposes and principles of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism

1.1. The Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall be responsible for reporting and preventing incidents; compiling, classifying, verifying, evaluating and categorizing incidents that might be considered to violate the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols and issuing the relevant opinions, as well as for carrying out educational work.

1.2. The Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall impartially and objectively analyse the incidents that are presumed to violate the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols, signed by the Government of the Republic of Colombia and ELN. It shall also prepare evaluations, reports and recommendations in accordance with the Protocol on the evaluation, extension or suspension of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

1.3. The components, members and liaisons of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall be guided in their work by the principles of respect, objectivity and impartiality. They shall also perform their duties in good faith.

2. Procedures of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism

2.1. The rules of operation of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism will be agreed on by the national body once each component has appointed its members, in accordance with the mandate set by the peace talks panel. The national body of the Mechanism shall also regulate the settlement of disputes that are within the authority of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism and that it has the capacity to resolve. The Mechanism shall make all the arrangements necessary for the fulfilment of its mandate.

2.2. The representative of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia on the national body shall be the spokesperson for the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism with reference to the fulfilment of its mandate, in accordance with the protocol on communications of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

2.3. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall facilitate the work of the bodies that comprise the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall also be responsible for coordination and communication between the Government of Colombia, ELN and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, through the channels provided for that purpose.

2.4. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia shall establish and maintain permanent channels of communication with the Armed Forces of the Government of Colombia and with ELN. They shall share relevant information in order to prevent incidents throughout the national territory, with a particular focus on those places to be determined by

mutual agreement, and ensure that work is carried out with technical efficiency in order to be ready for all possible contingencies.

2.5. The members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall not carry weapons and shall be protected by the safeguards established in the Protocol on security and protection for the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism. In addition, they shall ensure that the information they receive or become aware of in the course of their work remains confidential and secure.

2.6. Through the Episcopal Conference of Colombia and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall coordinate with the social monitoring network, in accordance with the Protocol on social monitoring and humanitarian protection mechanisms. The members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall ensure that information they receive or become aware of in the course of their work remains confidential, is handled securely and is accurate. In addition, they shall also protect their sources of information.

2.7. The regional bodies may verify the facts surrounding incidents reported by the local bodies with the representative of the Government of Colombia or with the ELN communications liaisons, as the case may be, through the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, in order to resolve such incidents or, where appropriate, report them to the national body.

2.8. Each component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism may change its representatives when the circumstances so require. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall independently establish its own personnel replacement and management system.

3. Bodies and bases of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism

3.1. The Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall have 1 base for its national body, 9 bases for its regional bodies and 22 bases for its local bodies, located throughout the national territory.

3.2. The national body's permanent base shall be located in Bogotá. It may meet elsewhere in the country when it deems it appropriate.

3.3. The regional bodies shall be based in the following nine municipalities: Arauca, Bucaramanga, Cali, Cúcuta, Medellín, Pasto, Quibdó, Soacha and Valledupar.

3.4. The local bodies shall be based in the following 22 municipalities: Aguachica, Barrancabermeja, Becerril, Bojayá, Buenaventura, Caucasia, Ipiales, Istmina, Ocaña, Pereira, Popayán, Puerto Carreño, Puerto Inírida, San Juan del Cesar, Santa Rosa de Osos, Santa Rosa del Sur, Soatá, Socorro, Tame, Tibú, Tumaco and Yopal.

Attached is a table showing the bases of the regional and local bodies, and the priority municipalities for the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (see annex I).

3.5. The Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall be based in the respective municipal municipalities, from where it shall carry out its work. Each local body shall be responsible for a designated geographical area. In the event that members of a body must travel outside of the municipal centre, they shall coordinate with the parties in advance, with sufficient notice, and adhere to the protection systems in place, observing the Protocol on security and protection for the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism during the temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

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