

Protocol on the role of the peace talks panel in the implementation of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its relationship with the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism

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) (Agreement No. 10, second Cuba Agreement), signed on 9 June 2023, the present Protocol establishes the role and responsibilities of the peace talks panel and its relationship with the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism in the implementation of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols.

1. Agreements and decisions

The peace talks panel shall be the only body that agrees and decides on possible modifications to, and extensions or suspensions of, the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols.

The peace talks panel shall draw up and agree on the protocols required for the implementation of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire (Agreement No. 10).

2. Spokesperson

The peace talks panel shall be the official spokesperson for all matters related to the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols, and for compliance therewith. It shall issue announcements through statements and communiqués.

3. Addressing critical situations

As and when required, the peace talks panel shall request the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism to submit reports on the implementation of the Agreement and on incidents that, due to their severity, should be brought to the attention of the panel for its consideration. The parties shall bear in mind that, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Protocol on the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, “no incident in and of itself shall be cause for the unilateral termination of the ceasefire agreement”.

4. Follow-up action

The peace talks panel shall receive periodic reports from the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism and, on the basis of its analysis, shall take follow-up action or make adjustments to the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols, as it deems necessary.

5. Evaluations

The peace talks panel shall conduct evaluations, in accordance with the Protocol on the evaluation, extension or suspension of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

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