

Joint Communiqué # 65
Havana, January 19, 2016

The Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, People's Army, FARC – EP:

Reiterate their commitment to the negotiations aimed at achieving a Final Agreement for the Termination of the Conflict and the Construction of a Stable and Long-lasting Peace (Final Agreement), including an agreement regarding the bilateral and final ceasefire and the end of the hostilities, and the laying down of arms.

Likewise, we reiterate our commitment to the implementation of all the agreements contained in the Final Agreement, and to set in motion effective monitoring and verification mechanisms, with international accompaniment, to ensure the full compliance of the acquired commitments.

We have decided to create a tripartite mechanism for the verification and monitoring of the agreement regarding the bilateral and final ceasefire and the end of the hostilities, and the laying down of arms, to create trust and provide guarantees for their fulfillment, comprised by the Government of Colombia, the FARC – EP, and an international component, who will preside and coordinate the mechanism in all instances, settle controversies, make recommendations and submit reports, and which will start the performance of its tasks once that agreement has been reached. In regard to the laying down of arms, the same international component will be in charge of its verification, pursuant to the terms and with the proper guarantees to be established in the protocols of the agreement.

We have agreed that said international component will be a political mission of the United Nations comprised by observers from member countries of the CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States).

With that purpose, we have decided to ask the UN Security Council to create, as of now, such political mission with unarmed observers for a period of 12 months, extendable upon request of the National Government and the FARC – EP; likewise, we will ask the member countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, CELAC, for their availability to contribute to that mission, to be formed by the United Nations.

Likewise, we request the Mission to begin all necessary preparations for its deployment, in close coordination and collaboration with the Government of Colombia and the FARC – EP. The international observers shall have full security assurances.

We thank the United Nations and the CELAC for their willingness to support Colombia in the search for peace.