

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Communiqué, Havana, August 5, 2014
<b>Date</b>	5 Aug 2014
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

**Colombian Conflict (1964 - )**

The Colombian conflict is really a set of conflicts and the peace agreements reflect both different processes relating to different conflict groups and dyads, and processes taking place at different times in a complex peace process history. The Colombian civil war has its roots in the late 1940s and the violent infighting between liberal and the conservative factions. Emerging from the liberal tradition with a thorough grounding in nationalist communist ideology, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia—People's Army (FARC) began its armed insurrection against the Colombian government in 1964. Other left-wing guerrillas emerged as well, most notably the socialist/populist M-19, which would later be integrated into the formal political system in the peace process of 1990s; the National Liberation Army (ELN), which has strong roots in liberation theology, and the Maoist Ejército Popular de Liberación (EPL) (also part of the 1990 process, less successfully). Several stages of peace processes were undertaken by the various sides, which were further complicated by the emergence of right-wing paramilitary 'self-defence' forces. The peace agreement between the Colombian government under President Uribe and the main alliance of the paramilitary groups, the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia (AUC), concluded in 2005 and is still heavily disputed as several remnants are still active, but now subsumed under the heading 'Bacrim' (Bandas criminales). In addition, FARC and ELN maintain a military presence, but both demonstrate a strong interest in completing successful peace negotiations with the government, with the most recent agreements being between FARC and the Government.

Close  
Colombian Conflict (1964 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Colombia V - Santos
<b>Parties</b>	The National Government; the FARC – EP

**Third parties**

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**Description**

This Communiqué contains four short provisions regarding: Measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits of the victims to Havana; Historical Commission of the conflict and its victims; Sub-commission related to item 3 of the Agenda of the General Agreement: “End of the Conflict”; and Sub-commission on gender.

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**Groups****Children/youth**

No specific mention.

**Disabled persons**

No specific mention.

**Elderly/age**

No specific mention.

**Migrant workers**

No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group**

No specific mention.

**Religious groups**

No specific mention.

**Indigenous people**

Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive

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**Other groups**

Groups→Other groups→Substantive

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**Refugees/displaced persons**

No specific mention.

**Social class**

No specific mention.

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**Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** Page 1, 1. Measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits of the victims to Havana ...  
We have emphasized that the organizers should resort to all necessary mechanisms in order to enable the inclusion of victims residing abroad in the delegations, as well as on the need to guarantee the effective participation of women.

Page 5, 4. Gender sub-commission  
We have agreed that the gender sub-commission will meet in the next dialogue cycle in order to continue ensuring an adequate gender approach on the agreements reached and on an eventual final agreement.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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**State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** Page 1, Article 1. 2. Historical Commission of the Conflict and its Victims, We reiterate that it is essential that balance, pluralism, consistency and fairness prevail in the election of the delegations, and different social sectors and populations should be taken into account, as well as the territorial approach. In particular, the delegations agreed to inform the organizers about the following measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits:  
[...]  
•The fact that direct victims of the conflict are selected does not preclude the possibility of those victims being part of an organization and reflecting such organization's viewpoints.  
[...]  
•It is important to remind that the hearings in Havana are one more mechanism aimed at guaranteeing the participation of the victims in the process. Prior to the victims' forums, the Dialogue Table had received more than 4,000 proposals of victims and organizations.  
•In the three regional forums already held in Villavicencio, Barrancabermeja and Barranquilla, and the National Forum held in Cali, more than 3,000 people participated, most of them victims. The proposals of the victims' forums constitute the basic material for the work at the Table.

**Traditional/religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

**Political power sharing** No specific mention.

**Territorial power sharing** No specific mention.

**Economic power sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power sharing** No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 1, Article 1. Measures aimed at successfully arranging the visits of the victims to Havana,  
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• We reiterate the importance of listening to victims of the entire universe of human rights violations and infringements of IHL, without any kind of discrimination.  
[...]

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles  
Page 5, Article 2i. Dissemination,  
The Commission's Final Report, which will comprise both the summary report as well as the experts' individual or collective reports, will be formally delivered to the Table and will be published and widely disseminated.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

<b>Protection measures</b>	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups Page 1,  The victims will be treated with respect and under the principles of protection and recognition.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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### **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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### **Justice sector reform**

<b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State of emergency provisions</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Judiciary and courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisons and detention</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional Laws</b>	No specific mention.

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

<b>Development or socio-economic reconstruction</b>	No specific mention.
<b>National economic plan</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Natural resources</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International funds</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Business</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Taxation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Banks</b>	No specific mention.

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**Land, property and environment**

<b>Land reform/rights</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Pastoralist/ nomadism rights</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Cultural heritage</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Environment</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Water or riparian rights or access</b>	No specific mention.

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**Security sector**

<b>Security Guarantees</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Ceasefire</b>	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  Page 5, Article 3. Sub-commission related to item 3 of the General Agreement: “End of the Conflict”  We have agreed to set up and open the sub- - commission on item 3 on August 22, 2014. This sub- - commission will address the sub- - items related to the final and bilateral ceasefire, the end of the hostilities and the laying down of arms, and it will start by reviewing and analyzing national and international best practices on the matter. The sub-commission will consist of up to 10 members of each delegation, who will define a timeline for their work.</p>
<b>Police</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Armed forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** No specific mention.

**Withdrawal of foreign forces** No specific mention.

**Corruption** No specific mention.

**Crime/organised crime** No specific mention.

**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** [Summary: pp. 2-5, Article 2, Historical Commission of the Conflict and its Victims (CHCV, for its acronym in Spanish) provides for the setup of a commission to understand the complexity of the internal conflict and its historical context. The article provides for its mandate, guiding principles, its composition and setup, operational framework and details, duration and details regarding its final report. For detailed provisions see communication and reconciliation.]

Page 5, Article 4. Gender sub-commission

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Once again, we reiterate that, as set forth in item five of the General Agreement, “the compensation of the victims will be at the core of the agreement between the National Government and the FARC – EP”. Likewise, as set forth in the declaration of principles, “the victims of severe human right violations and infringements of IHL on occasion of the conflict are entitled to the truth, to justice, to reparation, and to the guarantees of non - - repetition.”

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.



<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	[Summary: Most of the agreement (pp. 1-5, Articles 1 and 2) regard victims of the conflict. It provides for arranging the visit of the victims to Havana, Cuba, and the establishment of a Historical Commission of the Conflict and its Victims, its mandate, principles, set up and composition. For specific provisions see at human rights, civil society, communication and reconciliation.]
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	<p>Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations  Page 5, Article 4. Gender sub-commission  We have agreed that the gender sub- - commission will meet in the next dialogue cycle in order to continue ensuring an adequate gender approach on the agreements reached and on an eventual final agreement.</p> <p>Once again, we reiterate that, as set forth in item five of the General Agreement, “the compensation of the victims will be at the core of the agreement between the National Government and the FARC – EP”. Likewise, as set forth in the declaration of principles, “the victims of severe human right violations and infringements of IHL on occasion of the conflict are entitled to the truth, to justice, to reparation, and to the guarantees of non- - repetition.”</p>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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**Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** No specific mention.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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