

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Acuerdo entre los Comandos Ernesto Rojas y el Gobierno Nacional, Protocolo de Adhesion al Acuerdo de Paz del EPL
Date	20 Mar 1992
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	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 -)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Colombia I - Gaviria

Parties	Por el Gobierno Nacional GONZALO DE FRANCISCO Consejería para la Paz EDUARDO DIAZ URIBE Consejería para la Paz JOSE NOE RIOS Consejería para la Paz JHON GOMEZ MARTINEZ Director Programa Presidencial para la Reinserción Por los Comandos Ernesto Rojas ALEX CHACON HECTOR TANGARIFE
Third parties	CARLOS ESPINOSA FACCIO LINCE Presidente del Senado de la República Presbítero FERNANDO GARCÍA Secretario Pastoral Social Conferencia Episcopal DARÍO MEJÍA ExConstituyente En la condición de reinsertados de EPL JAIRO DE J. ECHEVERRI MONTOYA. JOSE MORENO ROJAS.
Description	A very short agreement whereby the CER subscribed to the agreement of February 1991 between the government and the EPL.

Agreement document	CO_920320_Acuerdo Entre Los Comandos Ernesto Rojas Y El Gobierno Nacional - tr.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
Agreement document (original language)	CO_920320_Acuerdo Entre Los Comandos Ernesto Rojas Y El Gobierno Nacional.pdf (opens in new tab)

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 No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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.

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 2, Article 10,
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Traditional/religious leaders Page 2, Article 10,
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Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

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.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

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Page 2, Article 5,

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Page 2, Article 6,

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Page 2, Article 8,

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

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**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.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
Page 1, Article 3,
3. Under Decree 1943, 12 August 1991, the national government awards reprieve or amnesty based on the list of people submitted by the Ernesto Rojas Commandos (Annex 1). The council for peace will submit this list to the Ministry of Justice within 24 hours from the signing of this protocol, in compliance with chapter II of Decree 1943. Four people may be added to the list in the eight days following the signing of the protocol.

Page 2, Article 4,
4. Anyone who reoffends after the cessation of procedure established by the national government in Decree 213, 21 January 1991, as a result of the previous negotiations with EPL will not be eligible for reprieve or amnesty.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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	Page 2, Article 7, For the implementation and monitoring of the reinsertion programme, the Ernesto Rojas Commandos will be represented by Alex Chacón Usquiano before the Presidential Office for Reinsertion.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	Source: Acuerdos con el EPL, MAQL y CRS, Diálogos con la CGSB, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1990-1994, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book III) p. 407
