

<b>Country/entity</b>	Colombia
<b>Region</b>	Americas
<b>Agreement name</b>	Protocolo Sobre Pedagogia Del Acuerdo De Cese Al Fuego Bilateral Nacional Y Temporal - CFBNT Y Sus Protocolos, Entre El Gobierno De La Republica De Colombia Y El Ejercito De Liberacion Nacional - ELN
<b>Date</b>	13 Jul 2023
<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 -  
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<b>Stage</b>	Implementation/renegotiation
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government
<b>Peace process</b>	Colombia VI - Government-ELN post-2015 process

**Parties**

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As observers for the Armed Forces:

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Guarantor countries (As witnesses and depositaries):

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Permanent accompanying partners:

(Signed) Angela Bargellini, Delegate of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Colombia  
(Signed) Msgr. Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria, Delegate for Church-State Relations, Episcopal Conference of Colombia

**Description** This protocol specifies the educational strategies to disseminate and promote understanding of the ceasefire agreement and its operational protocols among Colombian society, state entities, ELN, the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia. It emphasizes timely, contextually relevant, and respectful education campaigns, employing diverse methodological approaches sensitive to ethnic, territorial, and demographic considerations. The protocol delineates the responsibilities of different stakeholders in leading educational efforts within their respective spheres, including the government, ELN, the Episcopal Conference, and the UN Verification Mission, aiming for a comprehensive understanding and support for the ceasefire agreement. This initiative, endorsed in Havana, Cuba, on 13 July 2023, invites societal groups to participate in raising awareness and fostering a common narrative towards peace.

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**Agreement document** [CO\\_230713\\_Protocol on education of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional \(ELN\) and its Protocols.pdf \(opens in new tab\) | Download PDF](#)

**Agreement document (original language)** [CO\\_230713\\_Protocolo Sobre Pedagogia Del Acuerdo De Cese Al Fuego Bilateral Nacional Y Temporal - CFBNT Y Sus Protocolos, Entre El Gobierno De La Republica De Colombia Y El Ejercito De Liberacion Nacional - ELN.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

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## Groups

**Children/youth** No specific mention.

**Disabled persons** Groups→Disabled persons→Anti-discrimination  
**1. Principles**  
**Education shall be governed by the following principles:**  
...  
consideration of ethnic, territorial and age-, gender- and disability-sensitive approaches in methodological design, execution and evaluation.  
(Locate in agreement)

**Elderly/age** Groups→Elderly/age→Anti-discrimination  
**1. Principles**  
**Education shall be governed by the following principles:**  
...  
consideration of ethnic, territorial and age-, gender- and disability-sensitive approaches in methodological design, execution and evaluation.  
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**Migrant workers** No specific mention.

<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination <b>1. Principles</b> <b>Education shall be governed by the following principles:</b> ... consideration of ethnic, territorial and age-, gender- and disability-sensitive approaches in methodological design, execution and evaluation. ( Locate in agreement)
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	<b>1. Principles</b> <b>Education shall be governed by the following principles:</b> ... consideration of ethnic, territorial and age-, gender- and disability-sensitive approaches in methodological design, execution and evaluation. Locate in agreement
<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.
<b>LGBTI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Family</b>	No specific mention.

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## State definition

<b>Nature of state (general)</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State configuration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Self determination</b>	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** No specific mention.

**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** 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.

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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  
**2. Education Framework**  
**Educational work of fostering discussion, raising awareness and the taking of ownership shall be carried out in the following areas.**  
...  
2.6. The Episcopal Conference of Colombia shall educate its own members, the Catholic Church and the general public about the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols.  
( Locate in agreement)  
2.7. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall educate its own staff about the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols to, in accordance with the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.  
( Locate in agreement)

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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### **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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**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.

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**Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees**

No specific mention.

## Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

### 1. Principles

**Education shall be governed by the following principles:**

1.1. Timeliness:

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conduct of educational activities at the preparatory stage and during the term of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols, to help foster trust and understanding and, consequently, conduct and actions that strengthen the implementation of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

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1.2. Contextualization:

( Locate in agreement)

...

1.3. Relevance:

( Locate in agreement)

focus on educational work exclusively and specifically on the content of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols and on their implementation.

( Locate in agreement)

...

### 2. Education Framework

**Educational work of fostering discussion, raising awareness and the taking of ownership shall be carried out in the following areas.**

2.1. Each component of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall lead its own internal education process.

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2.6. The Episcopal Conference of Colombia shall educate its own members, the Catholic Church and the general public about the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols.

( Locate in agreement)

2.7. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall educate its own staff about the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols to, in accordance with the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

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The peace talks panel invites various groups in society to strengthen the process of raising awareness of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

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Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

For the purposes of the present Protocol, education is understood to mean the construction of a common narrative, methodologies and strategies to enable Colombian society, the international community, State entities, ELN, the Episcopal Conference of Colombia and the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia to discuss, gain an understanding and take ownership of the scope and purpose of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire.

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### 1. Principles

**Education shall be governed by the following principles:**

...

explanation of the scope and purpose of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols, taking into consideration the specific characteristics of each community and its territory.

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**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** **2. Education Framework**  
**Educational work of fostering discussion, raising awareness and the taking of ownership shall be carried out in the following areas.**

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2.3. ELN undertakes to lead the educational process on the war fronts and its other units.

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2.4. The Government of Colombia and ELN undertake to jointly conduct the educational exercise for the general public.

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2.5. Joint educational activities shall be carried out, in the case of ELN, by representative members, peace advocates and advisors;

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and on behalf of the Government, by delegates of the peace talks panel and advisors.

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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.

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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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## Implementation

<b>UN signatory</b>	<p><b>2. Education Framework</b>  <b>Educational work of fostering discussion, raising awareness and the taking of ownership shall be carried out in the following areas.</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Permanent accompanying partners:  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Angela Bargellini, Delegate of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Colombia  Locate in agreement</p>
<b>Other international signatory</b>	<p><b>2. Education Framework</b>  <b>Educational work of fostering discussion, raising awareness and the taking of ownership shall be carried out in the following areas.</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Guarantor countries (As witnesses and depositaries):  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Laura Berdine Santos Delamonica, Federative Republic of Brazil  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Eugenio Martínez Enríquez, Republic of Cuba  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Peder Østebø, Kingdom of Norway  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Patricia Esquenazi Marín, Republic of Chile  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Roberto de León Huerta, United Mexican States  Locate in agreement  (Signed) Gen. Carlos Martínez Mendoza, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela  Locate in agreement</p>

**Referendum for agreement**

No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar**

**2. Education Framework**

**Educational work of fostering discussion, raising awareness and the taking of ownership shall be carried out in the following areas.**

...

2.7. The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia shall educate its own staff about the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols to, in accordance with the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

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**Enforcement mechanism**

No specific mention.

**Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source**

No specific mention.

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