

Country/entity	Colombia
Region	Americas
Agreement name	Protocolo II - Protocolo para Mandato del Mecanismo de Veeduría, Monitoreo y Verificación en el Marco del Acuerdo para el Respeto a la Población Civil y la Implementación del Cese al Fuego Bilateral, Temporal de Carácter Nacional con Impacto Territorial
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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	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Colombia VII - Petro Peace Dialogues with FARC-EP

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Description

This protocol establishes a technical mechanism (MVMV) for monitoring, verifying and overseeing the implementation of the bilateral ceasefire agreement between the Colombian government and FARC-EP. The mechanism operates at national, regional and local levels, with participation from both parties, international organizations, and civil society. It creates a comprehensive verification structure with clear roles and responsibilities for preventing and resolving potential incidents during the ceasefire period.

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
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Disabled persons	No specific mention.
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Elderly/age	No specific mention.
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Migrant workers	No specific mention.
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Racial/ethnic/national group	No specific mention.
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Religious groups	No specific mention.
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Indigenous people	No specific mention.
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Other groups	No specific mention.
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Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
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Social class	No specific mention.
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Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
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Men and boys	No specific mention.
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LGBTI	No specific mention.
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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.

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

The MVMV will be accompanied by the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches in their ministerial work.

The Social Oversight of the Population, its Communities, and Grassroots Organizations, rooted in the territory as outlined in the Participation Protocol of the CFBTNT Agreement, will accompany and support the activities of the MVMV.

Social organisations agreed between the parties will contribute to the MVMV, with the aim of strengthening monitoring aimed at preventing armed incidents between the parties, reporting and raising the alarm about the presence of armed actors and armed actions against the life and safety of communities that may be carried out by any armed actor.

Social and citizens' organisations contribute through their autonomous monitoring activities to the situation of human rights and the observance of IHL rules in the regions and local areas defined by the MVMV.

This Mechanism will establish the procedures for interacting with this Social Oversight of the Population, its Communities and grassroots Organisations, safeguarding the security of the spokespeople of the population.

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Participation will incorporate a special section focused on the role of these contributions, materialised in a protocol 'for the Participation and Social Oversight of the Population, its communities and organisations'.

This chapter will be implemented through territorial social organisations agreed upon by the parties.

Given their deep connection with the community and access to territorial information, they will be an essential and complementary element in the activities of the MVMV.

In addition, they shall provide information on the technical component of the mechanism responsible for carrying out the corresponding verifications in the territory, stressing the importance of the Social Oversight of the Population, its communities and its grassroots organisations.

The territorial social organisations will contribute to the MVMV in order to support the fulfilment of its functions.

The Mechanism will define the form of this contribution, respecting its autonomy and security conditions.

Purpose and scope of the Mechanism

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The representatives of the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches will not issue technical concepts, and their role in the national, regional and local bodies of the Mechanism will be framed within their mission-related work.

Teams of the Mechanism.

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- The accompaniment team: will be comprised of the Catholic Church, the World Council of Churches and representatives of social organisations to be accredited by mutual agreement between the parties.

Instances of the Mechanism.

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a. National instance.

The national level will be located in the city of Bogotá D.C., and will comprise five (05) representatives of the National Government appointed by the Ministry of Defence and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, five (5) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, the delegates of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Head of the the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States, one (1) representative of the Catholic Church appointed by its ecclesiastical authorities and one (01) representative of the World Council of Churches.

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b. Regional Instance

Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
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Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
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Military power sharing	No specific mention.
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Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	Social and citizens' organisations contribute through their autonomous monitoring activities to the situation of human rights and the observance of IHL rules in the regions and local areas defined by the MVMV.
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Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
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Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
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Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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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

Purpose and scope of the Mechanism

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The members of the Mechanism will not carry arms and will enjoy guarantees of security, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol dedicated to the safety and protection of its members.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP agree to establish an Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism -MVMV- (hereinafter the Mechanism) of technical character, which will be responsible for verifying compliance with the Agreement on Respect for the Civilian Population and the Bilateral and Temporary Ceasefire of National Character with Territorial impact (CFBTNT).

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Purpose and scope of the Mechanism

To impartially analyse the facts alleged as incidents or breaches agreed between the National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, within the framework of the Ceasefire.

The Mechanism will define the weighting criteria and the classification of serious incidents or breaches and their treatment.

The Mechanism will be responsible for the resolution and prevention of any incidents that may arise between the parties.

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Instances of the Mechanism.

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a. National instance.

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The technical component of the Mechanism at the national level will be in charge of the verification and resolution of disputes related to possible incidents and breaches that affect the Ceasefire, and will rely on the regional and local level for support.

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It will also present to the Peace Dialogues Table, on a monthly and quarterly basis and twenty (20) days before the end of the agreed Ceasefire period, reports on possible incidents reported by the parties that are in the verification stage or that have been assessed, along with the relevant recommendations.

Police

The Mechanism will include the participation of delegates from the National Government, which will be represented by the Ministry of National Defence (MDN Staff, Military Forces and National Police) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace.

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Instances of the Mechanism.

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b. Regional Instance

The regional instance will be located at 5 points of the national geography and will be composed of two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (2) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and two (02) representatives of the international component.

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c. Local Instance.

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This instance will be integrated by two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (02) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and two (02) representatives of the international component.

Armed forces

The Mechanism will include the participation of delegates from the National Government, which will be represented by the Ministry of National Defence (MDN Staff, Military Forces and National Police) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace.

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Instances of the Mechanism.

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b. Regional Instance

The regional instance will be located at 5 points of the national geography and will be composed of two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (2) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and two (02) representatives of the international component.

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c. Local Instance.

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This instance will be integrated by two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (02) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and two (02) representatives of the international component.

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No specific mention.

Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Likewise, it will include delegates from Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Teams of the Mechanism.</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The technical team: will be in charge of the functions of monitoring and verification and will be comprised of members of the National Government, the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the above-mentioned international component. <p>...</p> <p>Instances of the Mechanism.</p> <p>...</p> <p>a. National instance.</p> <p>The national level will be located in the city of Bogotá D.C., and will comprise five (05) representatives of the National Government appointed by the Ministry of Defence and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, five (5) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, the delegates of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Head of the the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States, one (1) representative of the Catholic Church appointed by its ecclesiastical authorities and one (01) representative of the World Council of Churches.</p> <p>...</p> <p>b. Regional Instance</p> <p>The regional instance will be located at 5 points of the national geography and will be composed of two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (2) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and two (t02) repæsantantes of the international component.</p> <p>...</p> <p>c. Local Instance.</p> <p>...</p> <p>This instance will be integrated by two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (02) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and two (02) representatives of the international component.</p>
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 No specific mention.

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

c. Local Instance.

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Accompanying persons:

Raúl Rosende, Delegate of the Special Representative of the General Secretary of the United Nations in Colombia

Other international signatory

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Signed the guarantors as witness and depositaries:

Carlos Eduardo Martínez Mendoza, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Louise Wilson, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ireland

Phillip Lustenberger, Special Envoy, Swiss Confederation

Dag Nagoda, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway

Accompanying persons:

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Roberto Menéndez, Head of Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organization of the American States (MAPP-OEA)

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Humberto Martín Shikiya, Special Envoy of the World Council of Churches

Signed as witness:

Jörg Schreiber, Business Manager a.i. Delegation of the European Union

Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar

It will have an international component made up of the United Nations (UN) Verification Mission in Colombia and the Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OEA).

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Teams of the Mechanism.

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- The technical team: will be in charge of the functions of monitoring and verification and will be comprised of members of the National Government, the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the above-mentioned international component.

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Instances of the Mechanism.

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a. National instance.

The national level will be located in the city of Bogotá D.C., and will comprise five (05) representatives of the National Government appointed by the Ministry of Defence and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, five (5) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, the delegates of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Head of the the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States, one (1) representative of the Catholic Church appointed by its ecclesiastical authorities and one (01) representative of the World Council of Churches.

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b. Regional Instance

The regional instance will be located at 5 points of the national geography and will be composed of two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (2) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and two (02) representatives of the international component.

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c. Local Instance.

...

This instance will be integrated by two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (02) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and two (02) representatives of the international component.

Enforcement mechanism

The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP agree to establish an Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism -MVMV- (hereinafter the Mechanism) of technical character, which will be responsible for verifying compliance with the Agreement on Respect for the Civilian Population and the Bilateral and Temporary Ceasefire of National Character with Territorial impact (CFBTNT).

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Purpose and scope of the Mechanism

To impartially analyse the facts alleged as incidents or breaches agreed between the National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, within the framework of the Ceasefire.

The Mechanism will define the weighting criteria and the classification of serious incidents or breaches and their treatment.

The Mechanism will be responsible for the resolution and prevention of any incidents that may arise between the parties.

The members of the Mechanism will not carry arms and will enjoy guarantees of security, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol dedicated to the safety and protection of its members.

The members of the Mechanism will have badges that allow their full identity to be known.

The Mechanism will establish its own regulations, as well as the procedures for its operation.

Each component integrating the Mechanism will be able to make changes in the personnel representing it, when circumstances so require.

It will have a Technical Secretariat, defining its functions and composition.

Decisions within the Mechanism will be based on consensus.

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When the behaviour transcends punishable acts or disciplinary infractions, it is the obligation of the Mechanism to report to the competent authority of each party.

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Teams of the Mechanism.

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- The technical team: will be in charge of the functions of monitoring and verification and will be comprised of members of the National Government, the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the above-mentioned international component.

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Instances of the Mechanism.

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a. National instance.

The national level will be located in the city of Bogotá D.C., and will comprise five (05) representatives of the National Government appointed by the Ministry of Defence and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, five (5) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, the delegates of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Head of the the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States, one (1) representative of the Catholic Church appointed by its ecclesiastical authorities and one (01) representative of the World Council of Churches.

The technical component of the Mechanism at the national level will be in charge of the verification and resolution of disputes related to possible incidents and breaches that affect the Ceasefire, and will rely on the regional and local level for support.

The members of the national level may travel to wherever appropriate, present recommendations and generate specific reports with a view to resolving disputes and maintaining the Agreement.

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The national instance will be responsible for centralising the information coming from the regional and local bodies

Related cases No specific mention.

Source No specific mention.
