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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA (MARXIST-LENINIST), THE

QUINTIN LAME ARMED MOVEMENT, THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS' PARTY AND

POLITICAL PARTIES SIGNATORY TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT IN LABORES,

BELMIRA, ANTIQQUIA

24 September 1990

Based on the deliberations that have taken place, we inform the public of the following:

- We reiterate the willingness of the participants to continue facilitating processes and mechanisms that link the National Constitutional Assembly to the political solution to the armed conflict. We reaffirm the conviction that the assembly must make an effective contribution to a path toward peace and democratisation.
- 2. The representatives of the signatory forces to the agreement acknowledge the progress in the peace process between the government and the Popular Liberation Army (*Ejército Popular de Liberación*, EPL), the Quintin Lame Armed Movement (*Movimiento Armado Quintín Lame*, MAQL), and the Revolutionary Workers' Party (*Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores*, PRT). We regard the participation of representatives of these groups in the constitutional assembly as important for making progress toward democratisation and peaceful coexistence.
- 3. We manifest our willingness to hear proposals from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia*, FARC) and the Camilist Union-National Liberation Army (*Union Camilista- Ejercito de Liberation Nacional*, UC-ELN) and facilitate the search for ways to permit their involvement in the constitutional assembly.
- 4. The guerrilla organisations that are present, the Communist Party of Colombia (Marxist–Leninist) (*Partido Comunista de Colombia [Marxista Leninista]*, PCC), propose the expansion of the agreement, the inclusion of new issues regarding the participation of social movements, especially the indigenous, student and insurgent movements, voting with the use of polling cards, and a climate of political guarantees and access to the media.

The following topics are proposed:

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- constitutional regulations for politics and international relations;
- possible modification of Title XVIII of the constitution regarding the public forces and modifications to the presidential regime in the form of a parliamentary regime.
- 5. The spokespeople for the signatory organisations take note of the proposals above, which they will examine together with the rest of the signatories where this is legally and politically possible.
- 6. The signatories express their willingness to support all initiatives that make the agreements between guerrilla groups and the government regarding the assembly viable.
- 7. As attendees of the meeting, we stress the importance of the efforts to expand the national debate to enrich the works and definitions for the assembly with broad participation from all social and political sectors, also taking advantage of the effect of committees.

MAQL expresses the caveat that it will not participate in the talks and commissions appointed by the government so long as the indigenous movement does not obtain special participation in the constitution as an ethnic minority.

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