

DECLARATION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA
(MARXIST–LENINIST) AND THE POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY IN JUAN JOSÉ, CORDOBA

29 January 1991

Present in the town of Juan José in the municipality of Puerto Libertador in the department of Córdoba, the Popular Liberation Army (*Ejército Popular de Liberación*, EPL) negotiating commission, together with the representatives of the fronts appointed at the IV Conference of Combatants, and the Presidential Peace Council, in the presence of Manuel Medina, representative of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (*Partido Socialista Obrero Español*, PSOE) and Socialist International in his capacity as international monitor, Monsignor Flavio Calle, Bishop of Montelíbano and Monsignor Guillermo Vega of the Colombian Episcopal Conference, as representatives of the church and as moral tutors of the peace process, Monsignor Emilio Stehle special guest of the church, Senator Rodrigo Marín Bernal in representation of the National Salvation Movement and Member of Parliament Andrés López, make it publicly known that:

1. As a result of the IV Conference of Combatants and the meeting held on this date, EPL ratifies before the country and the national government its decision to surrender arms on 1 March 1991.
2. EPL has appointed Jaime Fajardo Landaeta and Darío Antonio Mejía Agudelo as its representatives on the National Constitutional Assembly, as spokespeople from 5 February and as representatives with full rights from the date arms are surrendered, in line with the agreement with the national government.

For its part, the government will appoint them during the course of this week.

3. A bilateral commission has been appointed to prepare the final draft of the definitive agreement, which will be formally registered on 8 February in Bogota.
4. Proceedings for the surrender of arms that will take place in the camps in which EPL combatants are currently present will occur before the main and final proceedings, which will take place in Medellin, when the construction of a monument to peace in honour of Oscar William Calvo and Ernesto Rojas will begin, with arms to be embedded in a cement obelisk.
5. The parties agree on the need for issuing a call to remaining armed groups that are still active to begin peace processes with the government, thus contributing to the consolidation of Colombian democracy.

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