

FIRST JOINT DECLARATION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE JAIME BATEMAN
CAYÓN MOVEMENT

1 October 1995

We, the representatives of the national government and the Jaime Bateman Cayón Movement (*Movimiento Jaime Bateman Cayón*, JBC), on 1 October 1995, in the presence of the Peace Facilitation Commission and the House of Representatives Peace Commission agree to communicate the following to the public:

1. Today, direct talks between the government and this political movement that is involved in armed conflict have been formalised to build a long-lasting peace via a new methodology based on the participation of all Colombians.
2. We believe this process shows the country that dialogue and consensus are the means to resolve conflicts and overcome our differences, within a healthy atmosphere of tolerance and by defining specific conditions that make it possible to conduct negotiations and reach agreements.
3. In the development of the process, we believe it is essential to define an agenda that prioritises the analysis and effective and immediate application of international humanitarian law, particularly for the non-combatant population.
4. The process that formally begins today has the firm backing of the House of Representatives Peace Commission. The process requires the participation of all Colombians, whom we invite to take part. We acknowledge that the work of the Peace Facilitation Commission has been extremely important so far, which, with the backing of the national government, prepared the ground for contact between the national government and JBC.

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