

COMMUNICATION NO. 3: ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SUBSTITUTION OF
ILLICIT CROPS

San Vicente del Caguán, 25 January 1999

The spokespeople for the national government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular*, FARC–EP), present in La Machaca in the municipality of San Vicente del Caguán in the department of Caquetá, have agreed the following:

1. Reaffirm the parties’ desire to continue working toward a political solution to the severe crisis affecting the country, based on the joint construction of a state governed by equality and social justice.
2. Recognise the priority that must be given to solving the social and economic problem of illicit crops in order to build peace, providing peasants with real alternatives through an adequate exploitation of natural resources, and with production programmes that are profitable for their beneficiaries. Trials for the substitution of these crops will be carried out will be carried out in partnership with FARC–EP via the Alternative Development Plan.
3. Work on building a sustainable development model based on the country’s social and environmental potential in a participative process that allows respect for the country’s ecological heritage and environmental conservation as a source of national and global wealth for present and future generations.

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