

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY

30 October 2000

1. The National Liberation Army (*Ejército de Liberación Nacional*, ELN) undertakes to free all 19 people in the group kidnapped on 17 September around km 18 on the road to Buenaventura, in addition to other people that have been kidnapped and are with the group, which will be verified.
2. To facilitate the release of these people, the parties will order the suspension of offensive activities in the zone from midnight on 30 October. The order for suspension will be given at the moment this agreement is signed and will be effective from midnight on 30 October. The guerrilla force will only be able to move about to carry out the activities for the release of the group.
3. The release will take place on a single day from two different locations, for which all the necessary logistics will be made available, supplied by both parties at the following points: (to be agreed by 07:00 on 31 October at the latest). These will be within the zone and will be places where there is no military presence at this moment in time. For the access of the people to be freed and guerrillas to these two sites, a corridor will be guaranteed to facilitate safe transit, free from the presence of the army. The corridor will not imply the fall-back of the troops, will be sufficiently wide and will be verifiable.
4. Verification of the fall-back of the guerrilla force: the release of those who have been kidnapped, the withdrawal of troops and the fall-back of the guerrilla group will be verified by the group of friendly countries and the Civil Facilitation Commission.
5. Conditions for the fall-back of the guerrilla force: from the withdrawal of the army, the guerrilla force will have 100 hours to fall-back.
6. Once all those who have been kidnapped have been released, the army will disassemble the operation and will withdraw from the zone in line with the following conditions:
 - a withdrawal time of 24 hours;

- there will be no military action during the withdrawal time;
 - the withdrawal of the army will be verified;
 - the sites from which the army troops are to withdraw will be jointly determined by the government and ELN by 09:00 on 31 October.
7. From the signing of this agreement, the parties will allow immediate access of the International Red Cross and the medical team of the Antioquia Air Health Programme to the zone to provide medical care to all those who need it.
8. ELN and the High Commissioner for Peace will agree to meet this week and restart talks for the initiation of the peace process. Similarly, the possibility of an agreement regarding international humanitarian law will be analysed at this meeting, particularly the large-scale effects of acts of war on the civil population.

Signed

For the national government:

- CAMILO GÓMEZ ALZATE, High Commissioner for Peace

For ELN:

- PABLO BELTRAN, ELN Central Command