

AGREEMENT OF SAN FRANCISCO DE LA SOMBRA TO SECURE AND CONSOLIDATE THE PEACE
PROCESS

5 October 2001

In the rural area of the municipality of San Vicente de Caguán, the national government, represented by the High Commissioner for Peace, Camilo Gómez, and Special Adviser, Juan Gabriel Uribe, and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular*, FARC–EP), represented by its Commander in Chief, Manuel Marulanda Vélez, and its spokespeople on the Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation, Raúl Reyes, Joaquín Gómez, Simón Trinidad, Carlos Antonio Lozada and Andrés París, and Commanders Jorge Briceño and Iván Ríos, have reached the following agreement.

RECITALS

1. The negotiated political solution to the social and armed conflict is the correct way to resolve the crisis facing the country and is the greatest national desire.
2. The peace process requires a favourable atmosphere, free from armed confrontation between the parties.
3. The current levels of confrontation make it essential to reach agreements that lead to the reduction of the conflict.
4. The government emphatically and categorically rejects any form of kidnapping of members of parliament, civil servants and any other people. This will be raised as a priority in the study for the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities.
5. We are aware of the historic responsibility facing the people of Colombia, which, in light of the difficulties and sacrifices, maintains its faith in and hope of living in a country with social justice and overcoming the major economic, political and social differences that lie at the root of the conflict between Colombians.

6. Throughout the process, we have been able to create valuable instruments to achieve these purposes, the most important being the Shared Agenda for the Transition toward a New Colombia
7. We are aware that this is a critical moment that requires definitions, contributions and without doubt a new dynamic for the dialogue and negotiation process.

AGREEMENT

1. Immediately focus on the document of recommendations put forward by the Commission of Eminent Persons, which deals with issues such as the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, kidnapping, actions to end the phenomenon of paramilitarism and the possible convening of a National Constitutional Assembly, notwithstanding the Shared Agenda. The parties highly appreciate the other instruments that enrich their work and are being discussed by the roundtable.
2. In this new phase, we believe that it is paramount to invite presidential candidates and the political parties and movements to refer to the aforementioned issues, make contributions to the process that is underway and exchange ideas on the political situation facing the country.
3. The roundtable will also invite the various sectors from the national life to contribute to the process that is underway.
4. The roundtable invites the National Peace Council to exchange opinions on the issues.
5. The roundtable will intensify its work and at the first meeting will draw up a timeline for analysing the aforementioned documents and implementing the activities described. It will carry out a monthly evaluation of progress made by the talks on the aforementioned issues and will inform the public, notwithstanding the previously agreed information mechanisms.
6. We reiterate that the Demilitarised Zone aims to facilitate dialogue and negotiation.

In this respect we ratify the following:

- a. The only authority over this zone is exercised by the democratically elected mayors and other municipal officials, notwithstanding the authority exercised by the national government. Similarly, FARC ratifies its commitment to respect these.
 - b. The mayors in the zone, together with the civil police and police inspectors, will exercise the functions of police and FARC ratifies its commitment to respect them.
 - c. In the Demilitarised Zone, all candidates, in addition to residents of the five municipalities, will be entitled to carry out political and electoral activities.
 - d. Together with the mayors of the municipalities in the Demilitarised Zone, the roundtable will promote open meetings to allow residents of the zone to express their concerns. Observers may be invited to these meetings.
7. The above provisions are without prejudice to the powers of the president over the Demilitarised Zone.
 8. FARC states and ratifies that sudden roadblocks (*pescas milagrosas*) do not form part of its policy. In this respect FARC will instruct all its members to refrain from such activities.
 9. The signatories to this agreement call for all Colombians to continue their efforts to find a political outcome to the country's conflict.

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Signed

For the national government:

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- JUAN GABRIEL URIBE, Special Adviser

For FARC–EP:

- MANUEL MARULANDA VÉLEZ, Commander in Chief of FARC–EP
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