

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: DECLARATION OF SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

18 October 2000

We reiterate our support for and commitment to the political and negotiated solution to the armed conflict and fully back the processes underway with both the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular*, FARC–EP) and the National Liberation Army (*Ejército de Liberación Nacional*, ELN).

We recognise the importance of the forum for dialogue created by this meeting of the national government, sectors of civil society, ELN and the international community. We emphasise building consensus and the existence of disagreements in this democratic exercise, and undertake to study the corresponding reports and continue the public analysis of the issues we have debated.

We declare the urgency for the parties in conflict to reach immediately applicable and verifiable humanitarian agreements as soon as possible.

We value the presence and cooperation of the international community for peace in Colombia in the context of sovereignty, democratic participation and social development.