

**PEACE DIALOGUE TABLE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL
LIBERATION ARMY-ELN**

JOINT STATEMENT Nº 18

**THE IV ROUND OF THE PEACE DIALOGUE TABLE CONCLUDES WITH THE
“CARACAS AGREEMENTS”**

The delegations from the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the National Liberation Army – ELN, announce that we have agreed:

FIRST CARACAS AGREEMENT

A Political and Conceptual Framework delineating humanitarian actions and processes, outlining the principles and approaches aimed at ensuring the humanitarian objectives of the cessation are achieved.

SECOND CARACAS AGREEMENT

Critical zones for humanitarian actions and dynamics. Declaration of Bajo Calima and San Juan as a critical zone and progression toward designating Bajo Cauca, north-eastern Antioquia, and the southern region of Bolivar as additional critical zones. In these locations, there will be focal points for humanitarian initiatives, guarantees for compliance with the bilateral, national, and temporary ceasefire, community involvement in the peace process, and social development projects supported by the National Planning Department. The Board will be attentive to community proposals to assess the designation of other critical areas.

PARTIAL AGREEMENT

Development of specialized protocols to attend political prisoners and individuals identified as ELN members, currently held in prisons and detention facilities across the country. Colombian prisons and detention centres will be designated as critical zones for this purpose.

Moreover, we provide an update on the following activities:

1. The design phase of society's participation in the peace process continues, with the consolidation of the National Participation Committee (CNP), through the formation of five commissions currently engaged in preparing 25 national and regional initiatives to construct the national participation plan. The third plenary session of the CNP will take place on September 9 and 10, 2023.
2. The first monthly management report of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MMV) for the Temporary National Bilateral Ceasefire (CFBNT) has been received, it emphasizes the establishment of its national body and seven regional units. Progress was made by the MMV in crafting and endorsing the Normal Operating Procedure

(PON), while also urging ethnic authorities, social organizations, and human rights groups to engage as social observers during the ceasefire period.

3. We have agreed to formalize a letter of intent with the Colombian Public Media System (RTVC) SEÑAL COLOMBIA to broadcast updates on the peace process.
4. Over the next weeks, the delegations will travel to various regions to develop activities concerning the bilateral ceasefire, community involvement in the peace process, and the development of social education on all these matters. These activities aim to foster a conducive environment for the local elections on October 29.
5. We thank the citizens and government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for hosting the Peace Dialogue Table's proceedings in recent weeks. Our appreciation extends to the guarantor nations, permanent observers, and the Group of Support and Accompaniment countries and Cooperation (GPAAC) for their presence and support.

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