

Protocol on security for the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) and the places where it is present under the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN)

Pursuant to the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) (Agreement No. 10, second Cuba Agreement), signed on 9 June 2023, and its Protocols, the present Protocol establishes the procedures for the prevention of incidents that might arise from the application of security measures for ELN and the places where it is present.

1. ELN shall maintain its own security and defence measures in the places where it is present, in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire (Agreement No. 10, second Cuba Agreement).
2. Using the communications liaisons of the war fronts, ELN shall inform the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, through the components of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, in a timely and relevant manner, of its actions, activities or movements on the ground that are aimed at ensuring its defence and security, in order to prevent incidents, and to prevent, forestall or mitigate risks or any type of vulnerability in the places where ELN is present.
3. ELN shall use its own communication channels to transmit information concerning the above-mentioned points in an appropriate and timely manner to the ELN component of the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism, as well as to the relevant regional or local bodies, through the components of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.
4. Through each war front, ELN shall establish with the components of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia the ELN communications liaisons in the local and regional bodies of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.

In order to prevent incidents, the secure system used by the ELN component to communicate with all bodies of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall be established by ELN in agreement with the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Episcopal Conference of Colombia.

The national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall arrange for the security of the ELN communications liaisons who are members of the Mechanism.

5. The ELN component in the national body shall maintain its system for secure communication with all regional and local ELN communications liaisons.
6. In the event that an ELN member of the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism must travel to a specific place where a war front is present, his or her security shall be arranged with the national body of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism.
7. The government representatives appointed to the national, regional and local bodies of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism shall be responsible for coordinating with the military and police units based on their set-up in the regions where the Mechanism is based. Through the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia or the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, the representatives shall receive

from, send to or request from the ELN component in the relevant body of the Mechanism pertinent or useful information with a view to preventing armed incidents between the parties.

8. Through the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia or the Episcopal Conference of Colombia, the ELN component in all bodies of the Mechanism shall receive from, send to or request from the representatives of the Government appointed to the national, regional and local bodies of the Mechanism, pertinent or useful information with a view to preventing armed incidents between the parties.

9. When the situation mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Protocol on specific actions arises, the parties shall immediately inform the Mechanism so that it may intervene in an appropriate and timely manner, through each party's component, in order to clarify the situation.

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