

General Agreement to end the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace

The delegates appointed by the Government of the Republic of Colombia (National Government) and those appointed by Colombia's Revolutionary Armed Forces-People's Army (FARC-EP);

As a result of the Exploratory Encounter held in La Habana, Cuba, from February 23rd to August 26th, 2012, with the participation of the Government of the Republic of Cuba and the Government of Norway as guarantors, and with the support of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, responsible for facilitating logistics and accompaniment;

With the mutual decision to end the conflict as an essential condition for building a stable and lasting peace;

Answering to the people's clamor for peace and recognizing that:

Peace building pertains to society as a whole and requires the participation of all, without distinction, including other guerrilla organizations we invite to join us in this purpose;

The respect of human rights throughout the national territory is a goal of the state that must be promoted;

Economic development together with social justice and in harmony with the environment, warrants peace and progress;

Social development with equality and welfare, including the big majorities, allow us to grow as a nation;

Colombia, as a peaceful country, shall play an active and sovereign role both regarding peace building and regional and global development;

Expanding democracy is an important condition for attaining strong grounds for peace;

With full willingness, both of the National Government and the FARC-EP, to reach an agreement, and inviting the Colombian society, as well as the agencies for regional integration and the international community to support this process;

We have agreed to:

- I. Begin direct and uninterrupted conversations on the points of the agenda herein established, in order to reach a Final Agreement to end the conflict and contribute to build a stable and lasting peace.

- II. Set up a Conversation's Table that shall be publicly inaugurated in Oslo, Norway, on the first 15 days of October, 2012, with headquarters in La Habana, Cuba. The Table may convene in other countries.
- III. Guarantee the effectiveness of the process and finish work on the points of the agenda in an expeditious manner, and as soon as possible, in order to satisfy the expectations of society regarding a prompt agreement. In any case, the duration of the process shall be subject to periodical evaluations of its progress.
- IV. Develop the conversations with the support of the Cuban and the Norwegian Governments as guarantors. The Venezuelan and Chilean Governments shall accompany the process. According to the process' requirements, other countries may be invited by joint agreement.

V. The following Agenda:

1. Comprehensive Agrarian Development Policy

Comprehensive agrarian development is crucial for regional integration and for the country's fair social and economic development.

1. Access to land and land use. Unproductive lands. Formalization of property. Agricultural border and protection of reserve areas.
2. Development programs with a regional approach.
3. Infrastructure and land adaptation.
4. Social development: health, education, housing, eradication of poverty.
5. Incentives for agricultural production and for a supportive and cooperative economy. Technical assistance. Subsidies. Credit. Income generation. Marketing. Formal labor.
6. Food security system.

2. Political participation

1. Rights and guarantees for the exercise of political opposition in general and in particular for new political movements that emerge upon the subscription of the Final Agreement. Access to media.
2. Democratic mechanisms for citizen participation, including direct participation at different levels and on various subjects.
3. Effective measures to promote wider participation in national, regional and local politics from all sectors, including those that are most vulnerable, in equal conditions and with security guarantees.

3. End of conflict

Comprehensive and simultaneous process that involves:

1. Bilateral and final cease of fire and hostilities.
2. Relinquishing of weapons. Reintegration of FARC-EP to civilian life – at the economic, social and political levels – according to their interests.
3. The National Government shall coordinate a revision of the situation of persons imprisoned, accused or convicted for belonging to FARC-EP or for collaborating with them.
4. Simultaneously, the National Government shall intensify its fight against criminal organizations and their support networks, including the fight against corruption and impunity, particularly against any organization responsible for homicides and massacres, or acting against human rights' advocates, social or political movements.
5. The National Government shall review and make the necessary institutional reforms and adjustments to face the challenges of peace building.
6. Security guarantees.
7. Within the framework of point 5 of this Agreement (Victims), the truth about the phenomenon of paramilitarism, among others, shall be sought.

The signing of the Final Agreement shall initiate this process, which shall be developed in a reasonable time agreed upon by the parties.

4. Solution to the problem of illicit drugs

1. Programs aimed at substitution of illicit crops. Comprehensive development plans with the participation of communities in the design, execution and evaluation of the substitution and environmental recovery programs, in the areas affected by such crops.
2. Prevention of consumption and public health programs.
3. Solution to the phenomenon of narcotics production and commercializing.

5. Victims

Redressing victims is at the core of the National Government – FARC-EP Agreement. In this sense, the following shall be addressed:

1. Victims' human rights
2. Truth

6. Implementation, verification and endorsement

Subscription of the Final Agreement initiates the implementation of all points agreed upon.

1. Implementation and verification mechanisms
 - a. Implementation system, giving the regions particular relevance.
 - b. Follow-up and verification Commissions.
 - c. Mechanisms for the resolution of disagreements.

The above mechanisms shall have capacity and power of execution, and shall be integrated by representatives of the parties herein and by representatives of society as appropriate.

2. International accompaniment
3. Schedule
4. Budget
5. Communication and dissemination tools
6. Mechanism to endorse the agreements

VI. Operational rules:

1. Up to 10 persons per delegation shall participate in the Table's sessions, of which up to 5 shall be plenipotentiary spokespersons for the delegation. Each delegation shall be composed of up to 30 representatives.
2. In order to contribute to the development of the process, experts may be consulted on the issues on the Agenda, once the corresponding request is approved.
3. The Table shall issue periodic reports in order to guarantee the process' transparency.
4. A mechanism for jointly communicating progress made by the Table shall be set up. Discussions held at the Table shall not be made public.
5. An efficient communications strategy shall be implemented.
6. In order to guarantee the widest possible participation, a mechanism to receive physical or electronic proposals, on the points of the agenda from citizens and organizations shall be established. By joint agreement and in a given time, the Table shall make direct consultations and receive proposals on such points, or assign a third party for the organization of participation spaces.
7. The National Government shall guarantee the necessary resources for the Table's operation, to be administered in an efficient and transparent way.
8. The Table shall have the technology required for the development of the process.
9. Conversations shall begin with the point "Comprehensive Agrarian Development Policy" and shall continue in the order agreed upon by the Table.

10. Conversations shall proceed under the principle that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.

Signed on August 26th, 2012, in La Habana, Cuba.

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