

## **General Agreement to end the conflict and the construction of a stable and lasting Peace**

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

As a result of the Exploratory Encounter held in La Habana, Cuba, between February 23rd and August 26th, 2012, which included the participation of the Government of the Republic of Cuba and the Government of Norway as guarantors, and the support of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as companion and facilitator of logistics;

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

Responding to the people's desire for peace and recognizing that:

Building peace is a matter for society as a whole which requires the participation of all, without distinction, including other guerrilla organizations that we invite to join this purpose;

The respect for human rights in all corners of the national territory is a goal of the State that must be promoted;

Economic development with social justice and in harmony with the environment is a guarantee of peace and progress;

Social development with equality and welfare, that includes the large majorities, allow us to grow as a nation;

Colombia, as a peaceful country, will play an active and sovereign role in regional and global peace and development;

Expanding democracy is an important condition to establish strong grounds for peace;

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

We have agreed to:

- I. Begin direct and uninterrupted talks on the Agenda points established herein in order to reach a Final Agreement to end the conflict and contributes to the construction of a stable and lasting peace.
- II. Set up a Negotiating Table that shall be publicly inaugurated in Oslo, Norway, during the first 15 days of October, 2012, with headquarters in La Habana, Cuba. The Table may convene meetings in other countries.

- III. Guarantee an effective process and finish work on the points of the agenda in an expeditious manner and in the shortest time possible, to meet the expectations of society on a prompt agreement. In any case, the duration of the process shall be subject to periodical evaluations of its progress.
- IV. Develop the negotiations with the support of the Cuban and the Norwegian Governments as guarantors and the Governments of Venezuela and Chile as companions. In accordance with the needs of the process, 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 localized focus.
3. Infrastructure and land adaptation.
4. Social development: health, education, housing, eradication of poverty.
5. Incentives for agricultural production and for a cohesive and cooperative economy. Technical assistance. Subsidies. Credit. Income generation. Marketing. Formal labor.
6. Food security system.

2. Political participation

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

3. End of conflict

Comprehensive and simultaneous process that involves:

1. Bilateral and definitive cease fire and hostilities.
2. Relinquishing of arms. Reintegration of FARC-EP to civilian life –economically, socially and politically – according to their interests.
3. The National Government will coordinate the review of the situation of those deprived of their freedom, prosecuted or convicted for belonging to FARC-EP or for collaborating with them.

4. Simultaneously, the National Government will intensify its fight against criminal organizations and their support networks, including the fight against corruption and impunity, and in particular against any organization responsible for homicides and massacres or acts against human rights advocates, social or political movements.
5. The National Government will review and make reforms and the necessary institutional adjustments to deal with 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 timeframe agreed upon by the parties.

#### 4. Solution to the problem of illicit drugs

1. Illicit crops substitution programs. Comprehensive development plans with the participation of communities in the design, implementation and evaluation of 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 commercialization.

#### 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

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

1. Implementation and verification mechanisms
  - a. Implementation system that applies a special focus on the regions.
  - b. Follow-up and verification Commissions.
  - c. Mechanisms for the resolution of disagreements.

These mechanisms shall have capacity and power of execution, and shall be made up of representatives of the parties herein and by representatives of society as appropriate.

2. International support
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 will participate in the Negotiating Table's meetings, of which up to 5 will be plenipotentiary spokespersons for the delegation. Each delegation will be composed of up to 30 representatives.
2. In order to contribute to the development of the process, experts may be consulted on Agenda items, once the corresponding request is approved.
3. The Negotiating Table shall issue periodic reports in order to guarantee the transparency of the process.
4. A mechanism for joint communications on progress made by the Negotiating Table shall be set up. Discussions held at the Negotiating 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 from citizens and organizations on the Agenda points shall be established. By joint agreement and in a given timeframe, the Negotiating Table shall undertake direct consultations and receive proposals on Agenda points, or assign a third party to organize participation spaces.
7. The National Government shall guarantee the necessary resources for the Negotiating Table's operation that will be administered in an efficient and transparent way.
8. The Negotiating Table will have the technology required for the development of the process.
9. Negotiations shall begin with the point "Comprehensive Agrarian Development Policy" and shall continue in the order agreed upon by the Negotiating Table.
10. Negotiations shall proceed under the principle that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed.

Signed on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in La Habana, Cuba.

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