

MEMORANDUM OF COMMITMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT  
AND THE POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY

10 January 1991

As part of the public communication and preliminary agreement signed by the national government and the Popular Liberation Army (*Ejército Popular de Liberación*, EPL) on 10 January 1991, the following memorandum of commitment is established.

**1. CONSIDERATIONS**

1. This document constitutes a memorandum of commitment establishing a series of specific tasks to be carried out before 1 March 1991 by both the national government and EPL to begin implementation of the preliminary agreement signed on 10 January.
2. In light of the above, this memorandum of commitment is subject to the verification of the church as spiritual tutor of the negotiation process and by a member of the international monitor when it is established. This group may also be expanded to include a representative of a national body agreed by the parties.
3. For verification, the church will be represented by Monsignor Rodrigo Escobar and Monsignor Guillermo Vega and the international monitor will be represented by the person who is appointed or a national monitor agreed by the parties.
4. No government official or EPL member will be entitled to make public declarations regarding compliance with the matters set out herein.
5. The verification group will carry out permanent non-public evaluations to stimulate compliance with the agreed terms. It will also conduct a final evaluation of overall compliance with this memorandum of commitment on 1 March.
6. The activities established in this memorandum include the continued implementation of the terms of previous agreements and memorandums.

Commitments:

- a. *Housing*: all camps will be provided with tents or barracks and bunks.
- b. *Water service*: contracts will be put in place for the permanent supply of water for camps in Pueblo Nuevo and Arenas.

- c. *Health*: permanent medical attention will be provided and a full day will be designated for dental care at all camps.
- d. *Clothing*: a full change of clothing will be provided as was established by a bilateral commission created for this purpose.

## 2. REINSERTION

The transition phase established in the preliminary agreement will begin.

- a. *Foundation*: once the relevant documentation has been submitted by EPL, the government will make the legal arrangements for the constitution of the foundation to manage resources on behalf of EPL.
- b. *Formal education*: the government will publish the textbook and manual for teaching literacy once the material has been provided by EPL. Camps will be provided with the necessary school equipment for literacy teaching based on a survey carried out for this purpose.
- c. *Primary education*: the government will carry out design and assembly work for primary education once it has information on who requires this programme, which will be provided by the results of the reinsertion survey.
- d. *Training for productive projects*: the survey will be used to design the various training programmes based on the joint work of two representatives from both parties. Insofar as possible, activities will commence in the camps.
- e. *Training for public participation*: the government will arrange courses on Colombian institutions for designated groups at each of the camps.

## 3. CULTURE AND LEISURE

- a. *Cultural activities*: at each camp there will be a culture week to be coordinated with the sectional governments.
- b. *Leisure implements*: before 20 January, a volleyball ball and net, two footballs, two basketballs, five chess sets and five domino sets will be provided per camp. Five gifts for children will also be provided to be distributed among the camps.

#### 4. PROMOTION AND GUARANTEES

- a. *Press notices*: the one-page notice to promote the process will be published in five national newspapers on 3 February.
- b. *Television*: between 15 and 28 February, one programme per camp will be broadcast on the spot of the National Restoration Plan *Amarillo, Azul, Rojo*.
- c. *Houses of Peace (Casas de la Paz)*: the foundation will make arrangements for the opening of five houses. In Bogota, the national government will contact the mayor to have the site in place as soon as possible.
- d. *Press*: There will be a joint meeting in Bogota with the international press in the first week of February. The government will manage the publication of an account in the magazine *Semana*.
- e. *Conference of combatants*: in line with the preliminary agreement, the government will provide guarantees for a conference of combatants in the Juan José camp. It will guarantee the means for the return transport of the delegates from each camp.

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In other agreements the name of the programme is Amarillo, Azul Rojo (i.e. the three colours of the Colombian flag).

#### 5. SPOKESPEOPLE

The government will provide support from the respective sectional governments for the handling of national EPL spokespeople at regional fora arranged by various political and social organisations, including EPL.

#### 6. SECURITY

Immediately agree the security plan and implement the aspects not subject to the surrender of arms.

#### 7. REGIONAL PLANS

- a. The bilateral commission will define the municipalities in which the regional plans will be implemented.

- b. The government will provide the EPL members of the bilateral commission with the necessary information on the development plans and existing specific programmes for a diagnostic to determine the scope of the proposal for each region.

## 8. HUMAN RIGHTS

- a. The bilateral commission must undertake a mapping of the regions of influence and possible locations for holding fora.
- b. The commission will set out a timeline of actions to be carried out, including the project for funding them.
- c. In coordination with the foundation to support for family members of the victims of violence, the commission will define a programme of actions to be carried out.

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING

The Presidential Council will make arrangements with the Ministry of the Interior to arrange a meeting with EPL, the national government and group leaders of the National Constitutional Assembly.

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Literally 'head of list'. Based on the list of members on Wikipedia, I have used 'group leader'.