

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ERNESTO ROJAS COMMANDOS AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, ACCESSION PROTOCOL FOR THE PEACE AGREEMENT, SANTAFÉ DE BOGOTÁ

20 March 1992

*PROTOCOL*

*In the city of Santafé de Bogotá on 20 March 1992, a delegation of the Presidential Council for Peace, in representation of the national government, and the leadership of the Ernesto Rojas Commandos, members of the former Popular Liberation Army, met to formalise the following agreement:*

1. Both the national government and the Ernesto Rojas Commandos agree on the need to implement and develop peaceful solutions to the armed conflict in Colombia.

The national government ratifies its desire to reach effective agreements to bring about the reincorporation into civil life of all those who, for political reasons, have decided to take up arms against the institutions and the current regime. The Ernesto Rojas Commandos affirm that Colombians should be given the opportunity for peaceful coexistence.

2. The Ernesto Rojas Commandos accept the agreements signed between the national government and the Popular Liberation Army (*Ejército Popular de Liberación*, EPL) on 15 February 1991.
3. Under Decree 1943, 12 August 1991, the national government awards reprieve or amnesty based on the list of people submitted by the Ernesto Rojas Commandos (Annex 1). The council for peace will submit this list to the Ministry of Justice within 24 hours from the signing of this protocol, in compliance with chapter II of Decree 1943.

Four people may be added to the list in the eight days following the signing of the protocol.

4. Anyone who reoffends after the cessation of procedure established by the national government in Decree 213, 21 January 1991, as a result of the previous negotiations with EPL will not be eligible for reprieve or amnesty.
5. The national government will promote the implementation of the security mechanisms required for members of the Ernesto Rojas Commandos to rejoin normal civil life. In this context, the national government will make the necessary arrangements to allow three members of the Ernesto Rojas Commandos to leave the country. Similarly, the national government, based on legal regulations, will make the relevant arrangements to allow the members of the Ernesto Rojas Commandos in the list in Annex 2 to legally bear arms.
6. The members of the Ernesto Rojas Commandos listed in Annex 3 will be covered by the reinsertion programme established in the agreements signed between the national government and EPL. In this respect, they will also be subject to any supplementary agreements signed by both parties.
7. For the implementation and monitoring of the reinsertion programme, the Ernesto Rojas Commandos will be represented by Alex Chacón Usquiano before the Presidential Office for Reinsertion.
8. The Ernesto Rojas Commandos will surrender arms, the totality of which will be melted down in Santafé de Bogotá upon completion of a collection plan to be previously defined by the parties, including the general list of arms (Annex 4) and the itinerary.
9. This event will be made known to the public via a joint communication.
10. As a historical record, the parties appoint the Colombian church and a representative of the Senate of the Republic, appointed by its president, and the former member of the National Constitutional Assembly Darío Mejía, as witness to this agreement.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF SANTAFÉ DE BOGOTÁ

20 March 1992

For the national government:

- GONZALO DE FRANCISCO, Peace Council
- EDUARDO DIAZ URIBE, Peace Council
- JOSE NOE RIOS, Peace Council
- JHON GOMEZ MARTINEZ, Director of the Presidential Programme for Reinsertion

For the Ernesto Rojas Commandos:

- ALEX CHACON
- HECTOR TANGARIFE

Witnesses:

- CARLOS ESPINOSA FACCIO LINCE, President of the Senate of the Republic
- PRESBYTER FERNANDO GARCÍA, Pastoral–Social Secretary of the Episcopal Conference
- DARÍO MEJÍA, former member of the National Constitutional Assembly

Reinserted members of EPL:

- JAIRO DE J. ECHEVERRI MONTOYA
- JOSE MORENO ROJAS