

JOINT STATEMENT

Cauquena, 8 July 2023

The National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP announce that they have reached an agreement to engage in a Peace Dialogue Table. During the Peace Dialogue Table, the parties will discuss and approve a national bilateral and temporary ceasefire.

For this purpose, from today until the installation date, representatives from the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP will begin the preliminary phase of the Peace Dialogue Table, with the permanent presence of officials from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and representatives of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, the MAPP OAS, the Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches. During this phase, the parties will discuss: (i) adjustments to the national bilateral and temporary ceasefire protocol, the protection of communities and the civilian population in general, and implementation of the Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism at national and local levels; and (ii) the pre-agenda of the Peace Dialogue Table.

In this preliminary stage, a *National Confidence Building and Contingency Resolution Team* will be established, made up of representatives of the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP, officials from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and representatives from the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, the MAPP OAS, the Catholic Church, and the World Council of Churches, with the corresponding security and protection measures.

The parties reaffirm their strong commitment towards the construction of a Peace Agreement that puts an end to the armed confrontation and that fosters the establishment of enduring, inclusive peace characterized by social and environmental justice.

In the upcoming days, the National Government and the Estado Mayor Central (Central General Staff) of the FARC-EP will publicly disclose the identities of their delegation members.

National Government
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