

AGREEMENT ON THE CONSENSUS TIMELINE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PEACE PROCESS

20 January 2002

Present on 19–20 January 2002 in Los Pozos, in the municipality of San Vicente del Caguán, in the presence of the International Facilitation Commission, the United Nations and the Catholic Church, the national government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular*, FARC–EP) have reached the following agreement.

RECITALS

1. The parties reiterate that the negotiated political outcome is the way to resolve the armed conflict in Colombia. As such, they will make every effort to continue working in an atmosphere of mutual trust in order to reach agreements that make progress in the development of the process possible.
2. The Shared Agenda for the Transition toward a New Colombia is the cornerstone the dialogue and negotiation process between the national government and FARC.
3. In the Agreement of San Francisco, the parties agreed that the peace process requires a favourable atmosphere without armed confrontation.
4. It is essential to reach agreements that reduce the conflict.
5. The parties have acknowledged that this agreement and the Document of Recommendations of the Commission of Eminent Persons set out an adequate path for the immediate development and strengthening of the peace process.
6. In the Agreement of San Francisco, the national government and FARC–EP agreed to immediately focus on the comprehensive study of the document of recommendations presented by the Commission of Eminent Persons.

7. The parties believe it is necessary to develop this agreement in terms of political support, inviting presidential candidates, political movements and parties to the National Peace Council, in addition to the various sectors of national life, subject to the agreement of the parties, in order to make their contributions to the process that is underway.
8. The parties agreed to immediately and fully focus on implementation of the document put forward by the Commission of Eminent Persons on 17 September.
9. We also confirm the validity of the following documents that have been previously signed by the parties: the Agreement of Caquetania, signed on 2 May 1999; the Agreement of Los Pozos, signed on 9 February 2001; and the Agreement of San Francisco de la Sombra, signed on 5 October 2001.
10. Point 10 of the Agreement of Los Pozos states: “FARC–EP does not oppose projects for the manual eradication and substitution of illicit crops but reiterates that such a process must have the agreement of the communities. The national government and FARC agree on the strategic importance of working on the protection and recovery of the environment”.

AGREEMENT

1. The National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation will immediately focus on studying the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, in line with the Document of Recommendations of the Commission of Eminent Persons.
2. Immediately incorporate the issue of kidnapping as an inseparable part of the proposal put forward by the Commission of Eminent Persons to the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation in the context of the discussion of the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities.
3. Immediately incorporate the issue of the phenomenon of paramilitarism as an inseparable part of the proposal put forward by the Commission of Eminent Persons to

the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation in the context of the discussion of the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities.

4. In the discussion of the issue of truce with ceasefire and the cessation of hostilities, the parties will be entitled to put forward proposals to reduce the conflict.
5. The following documents will serve as inputs to the roundtable for the continuation of talks: the proposals exchanged regarding the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, the Document of Recommendations of the Commission of Eminent Persons produced for roundtable to be jointly studied by the parties, the proposal submitted by FARC-EP on subsidies for the unemployed while final agreements are reached on unemployment.
6. Invite the presidential candidates, political movements and parties, and the National Peace Council to contribute to the process that is underway and exchange ideas on the political situation in the country per the Agreement of San Francisco.
7. The parties will form an international support commission by mutual agreement to act as a verifying body for the agreements and to overcome any obstacles that may arise, as set out in the Agreement of Caquetania.
8. In line with the Agreement of San Francisco, the parties will produce monthly reports, which will be communicated to the public, indicating the main aspects of progress in the dialogue and negotiations.
9. Restart the public audiences and roundtables for the issues agreed at the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation.
10. To achieve the objectives in this agreement, the National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation has set the goal of signing specific agreements regarding the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, starting from the reduction in the conflict, with a deadline of 7 April 2002. In doing so, it will respect the timeline set out below:

The National Roundtable for Dialogue and Negotiation will hold regular sessions from Wednesday to Friday, although these days may be modified subject to agreement by both parties.

- Discussion of the document of recommendations put forward by the Commission of Eminent Persons:
 - 23 January – 8 February 2002
- Presentation of the first drafts on reducing the conflict:
 - 2 February 2002
- Definition of more active participation of international support
 - 6 February 2002
- Invitations to the roundtable:
 - 13 February – presidents of political parties and movements
 - 14 February – presidential candidates
 - 15 February – National Peace Council
- Study of the drafts put forward by each of the parties on the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities
 - From 20 February 2002
- Target set for the roundtable to sign the first agreements on the truce with ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, starting from the reduction in the conflict:
 - Deadline: 7 April 2002
- Agreement on the timeline for other issues:
 - 10 April 2002
- Presentation of reports by the roundtable to the public on the last Friday of each month from February 2002.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	21 Jan Separate work by the negotiation teams	22 Jan Separate work by the negotiation teams	23 Jan Definition of methodologies for the talks	24 Jan Start of talks on the elements of the Document of Recommendations of the Commission of Eminent Persons	25 Jan Start of talks on the elements of the Document of Recommendations of the Commission of Eminent Persons	
	28 Jan Separate work by the negotiation teams	29 Jan Separate work by the negotiation teams	30 Jan Roundtable session on the issues agreed here	31 Jan Roundtable session on the issues agreed here	1 Feb Roundtable session on the issues agreed here	2 Feb Presentation of first drafts on reducing the conflict, in addition to the issue of employment
	4 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	5 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	6 Feb Agreement on international support	7 Feb Roundtable session on the issues agreed here	8 Feb Roundtable session on the issues agreed here	

	11 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	12 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	13 Feb Invitation to presidents of political movements and parties	14 Feb Invitation to presidential candidates	15 Feb Invitation to National Peace Council	
	18 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	19 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	20 Feb Roundtable session on issues agreed here	21 Feb Roundtable session on issues agreed here	22 Feb Roundtable session on issues agreed here	
	25 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	26 Feb Separate work by the negotiation teams	27 Feb Roundtable session on issues agreed here	28 Feb Roundtable session on issues agreed here	1 Mar Roundtable session on issues agreed here	
	4 Mar Separate work by the negotiation teams	5 Mar Separate work by the negotiation teams	6 Mar Study of drafts submitted by each of the parties on the truce, starting from the reduction in the conflict	7 Mar Study of drafts submitted by each of the parties on the truce, starting from the reduction in the conflict	8 Mar Study of drafts submitted by each of the parties on the truce, starting from the reduction in the conflict	
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	25 Mar Preparation of final documents on the truce, starting from the reduction of conflict	26 Mar Preparation of final documents on the truce, starting from the reduction of conflict	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar	
	1 Apr Inform the public	2 Apr Separate work by the negotiation teams	3 Apr Separate work by the negotiation teams	4 Apr Separate work by the negotiation teams	5 Apr Separate work by the negotiation teams	6 Apr
7 Apr Target set by the roundtable for signing the first agreements on the truce, starting from the reduction in the conflict	8 Apr Separate work by the negotiation teams	9 Apr Separate work by the negotiation teams	10 Apr Agreement on timeline for other issues			

11. We express our gratitude to the role played by the facilitating countries and the United Nations Special Adviser. The parties will define the channels for more active international participation in support by 6 February 2002. We also express our gratitude to the support provided to the Roundtable by Nuncio Apostólico Benniamino Stella and

the Catholic Church of Colombia, headed by Monsignor Alberto Giraldo, President of the Colombian Episcopal Conference, and Monsignor Francisco Múnera, Bishop of San Vicente del Caguán.

12. As mentioned in the Agreement of San Francisco, FARC–EP undertakes to immediately ratify the instructions for all members to abstain from sudden roadblocks (*pescas milagrosas*).