

Quito Agreement on a Temporary and Bilateral cease-fire

With the aim of concrete action relating to humanitarianism, the National Government and the National Liberation Army, have agreed to develop a bilateral and temporary cease-fire, to reduce the intensity of the armed conflict. Its primary objective is to improve the humanitarian situation of the population. This cessation will start as of 1 October 2017 and end on 9 January 2018.

For the fulfilment of this Agreement there shall be a mechanism comprised of the National Government, the National Liberation Army, the UN, and the Catholic Church, which will work with the dual purpose of preventing and reporting any incident.

The Parties shall establish relevant protocols to develop this Agreement.

By virtue of the foregoing, the parties have decided to extend the work of this round of talks, to specify the other logistical aspects of the EESC.

The fourth round of talks will be held, as were the previous ones, in the city of Quito and will begin on Monday, 23 October.

The delegations thanked the guarantor countries Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Norway and Venezuela, and in particular Ecuador, also the guarantor of these talks, for their hospitality and accompaniment of Colombia in the search for peace.

By the Head of the Delegation of the Government, Juan Camilo Restrepo.

By the Head of the Delegation of the National Liberation Army, Pablo Beltran.

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