

DECLARATION OF A UNILATERAL TRUCE DURING THE NEW-YEAR PERIOD, REVOLUTIONARY  
ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA – PEOPLE'S ARMY

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1. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army (*Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército Popular*, FARC–EP) offer the Colombian people a unilateral cessation of offensive actions against the state security forces from 20 December at 00:00 until 10 January 2000 at 00:00 to allow Colombians to celebrate the end of the year and the start of the new millennium with their families and friends, free from the turmoil, deaths and injuries caused by the armed conflict.
2. The FARC guerrilla units will initiate a 20-day truce but reserve the right to militarily respond to any aggression by state and parastatal security forces during the period of the cessation of military operations, with the corresponding instructions provided to all FARC–EP guerrillas.
3. The truce offered by FARC–EP to the Colombian people reaffirms to the country and the international community the undoubtable political desire of the organisation in armed conflict to contribute to obtaining peace with social justice via dialogue in order to build a new Colombia with a permanent, long-lasting peace, free from hunger, without the Unit of Constant Purchasing Power (*Unidad de poder adquisitivo constante*, UPAC) system, without large-scale redundancies and without state terrorism, with employment, education, health, housing, an immediate solution to the crisis in the agricultural sector, and independence and full sovereignty without the neoliberal model.

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