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PROTOCOL II

PROTOCOL FOR THE MANDATE OF THE OVERSIGHT, MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MECHANISM IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE RESPECT OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILATERAL AND TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE OF NATIONAL CHARACTER WITH TERRITORIAL IMPACT

The National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP agree to establish an Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism -MVMV- (hereinafter the Mechanism) of technical character, which will be responsible for verifying compliance with the Agreement on Respect for the Civilian Population and the Bilateral and Temporary Ceasefire of National Character with Territorial impact (CFBTNT).

The Mechanism will include the participation of delegates from the National Government, which will be represented by the Ministry of National Defence (MDN Staff, Military Forces and National Police) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace. Likewise, it will include delegates from Central General Staff of the FARC-EP.

It will have an international component made up of the United Nations (UN) Verification Mission in Colombia and the Mission to Support the Peace Process of the Organization of American States (MAPP-OEA).

The MVMV will be accompanied by the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches in their ministerial work.

The Social Oversight of the Population, its Communities and grassroots Organisations and with roots in the territory, as defined in the Protocol for participation, which is part of the CFBTNT Agreement, will accompany and contribute to the activities of the MVMV.

Social organisations agreed between the parties will contribute to the MVMV, with the aim of strengthening monitoring aimed at preventing armed incidents between the parties, reporting and raising the alarm about the presence of armed actors and armed actions against the life and safety of communities that may be carried out by any armed actor.

Social and citizens' organisations contribute through their autonomous monitoring activities to the situation of human rights and the observance of IHL rules in the regions and local areas defined by the MVMV. This Mechanism will establish the procedures for interacting with this Social Oversight of the Population, its Communities and grassroots Organisations, safeguarding the security of the spokespersons of the population. Only the technical team verifies, because verification involves scenarios that can put the communities and the verifiers themselves at risk.

Participation will incorporate a special section focused on the role of these contributions, materialised in a protocol 'for the Participation and Social Oversight of the Population, its communities and organisations'. This chapter will be implemented through territorial social organisations agreed upon by the parties.

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Given their deep connection with the community and access to territorial information, they will be an essential and complementary element in the activities of the MVMV. In addition, they shall provide information on the technical component of the mechanism responsible for carrying out the corresponding verifications in the territory, stressing the importance of the Social Oversight of the Population, its communities and its grassroots organisations.

The territorial social organisations will contribute to the MVMV in order to support the fulfilment of its functions. The Mechanism will define the form of this contribution, respecting its autonomy and security conditions.

Purpose and scope of the Mechanism

To impartially analyse the facts alleged as incidents or breaches agreed between the National Government and the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, within the framework of the Ceasefire. The Mechanism will define the weighting criteria and the classification of serious incidents or breaches and their treatment.

The Mechanism will be responsible for the resolution and prevention of any incidents that may arise between the parties.

The members of the Mechanism will not carry arms and will enjoy guarantees of security, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol dedicated to the safety and protection of its members. The members of the Mechanism will have badges that allow their full identity to be known.

The Mechanism will establish its own regulations, as well as the procedures for its operation. Each component integrating the Mechanism will be able to make changes in the personnel representing it, when circumstances so require. It will have a Technical Secretariat, defining its functions and composition. Decisions within the Mechanism will be based on consensus.

The members of each instance of the Mechanism undertake to treat each other with respect within the framework of their mission-related work. When the behaviour transcends punishable acts or disciplinary infractions, it is the obligation of the Mechanism to report to the competent authority of each party.

The International component will autonomously establish its own modus operandi.

The representatives of the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches will not issue technical concepts, and their role in the national, regional and local bodies of the Mechanism will be framed within their mission-related work.

Teams of the Mechanism.

The Mechanism will have a technical team and an accompanying team, in its three instances (national, regional and local).

- The technical team: will be in charge of the functions of monitoring and verification and will be comprised of members of the National Government, the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and the above-mentioned international component.

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- The accompaniment team: will be comprised of the Catholic Church, the World Council of Churches and representatives of social organisations to be accredited by mutual agreement between the parties.

Instances of the Mechanism.

The Oversight, Monitoring and Verification Mechanism will be made up of three (03) instances, as follows: one (01) National Instance, five (05) Regional Instance and the Local Instances, distributed throughout the national territory. These instances may be located and adjusted in accordance with the Mechanism's requirements.

a. National instance.

The national level will be located in the city of Bogotá D.C., and will comprise five (05) representatives of the National Government appointed by the Ministry of Defence and the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, five (5) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, the delegates of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia and the Head of the the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia of the Organization of American States, one (1) representative of the Catholic Church appointed by its ecclesiastical authorities and one (01) representative of the World Council of Churches.

The technical component of the Mechanism at the national level will be in charge of the verification and resolution of disputes related to possible incidents and breaches that affect the Ceasefire, and will rely on the regional and local level for support. The members of the national level may travel to wherever appropriate, present recommendations and generate specific reports with a view to resolving disputes and maintaining the Agreement.

The pronouncements of the Mechanism will be of the national instance, of a technical nature, agreed upon and delivered to the Peace Dialogues Table. The national instance will be responsible for centralising the information coming from the regional and local bodies. The representative of the international component agreed upon by the parties will be designated as the official spokesperson.

It will also present to the Peace Dialogues Table, on a monthly and quarterly basis and twenty (20) days before the end of the agreed Ceasefire period, reports on possible incidents reported by the parties that are in the verification stage or that have been assessed, along with the relevant recommendations.

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b. Regional Instance

The regional instance will be located at 5 points of the national geography¹ and will be composed of two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (2) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP and two (t02) repæsentantes of the international component.

One (01) representative of the Catholic Church, one (01) representative of the World Council of Churches shall accompany them. In addition to the above, the persons fulfilling the oversight function shall be accompaniers and will follow up the incidents and recommendations to the Mechanism in accordance with the Protocol for the Social Participation and Oversight of the Population, Communities and Organisations.

The social organisations and civil authorities will contribute.

The headquarters of the Regional Instance may be located and relocated in accordance with the recommendations of the Mechanism, with the aim of developing monitoring in an efficient manner.

The members of the Regional Instance may travel to wherever is appropriate, present recommendations, generate specific reports with a view to resolving disputes and maintaining the Agreement.

The Regional Instance will be responsible for centralising the information received from the Local Instance and will escalate serious incidents to the National Instance.

c. Local Instance.

The location of the local points will be determined jointly by the members of the MVMV.² This instance will be integrated by two (02) representatives designated by the Ministry of Defence (Military Forces and National Police), one (01) representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, two (02) representatives of the Central General Staff of the FARC-EP, and two (02) representatives of the international component.

¹ Annex of geographical location of the Regional and Local MVMV bodies, following evaluation and consultation with the members of the Mechanism.

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The Local Instance of the Mechanism is responsible for monitoring in its area of competence and acts as a link and first point of contact for potential incidents in the territory, reporting to the Regional Instance and, where appropriate, to the competent authorities on each side.

Signed in Tibú, Norte de Santander, on 16 October 2023.

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