

**Annex**

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**Panel for peace talks between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN)**

**Comunicado No. 12**

**We are making progress on the ceasefire and on participation**

The delegations of the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) wish to convey the following information:

1. After signing the Cuba Agreements on the process of participation of society in peacebuilding and the temporary bilateral national ceasefire, the two delegations worked intensively in the cities of Havana, Republic of Cuba, and Bogotá to prepare the documents necessary to complete the tasks envisaged for the preparation phases.

2. We have adopted and signed the following nine protocols that establish the conditions for the implementation of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire:

- Role of the peace talks panel in the implementation of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire
- Supplementary protocol on the mandate of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism for the temporary bilateral national ceasefire
- Role of the Catholic Church in the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism
- Social monitoring and humanitarian protection mechanisms under the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire
- Evaluation, extension or suspension of the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire
- Security and protection for the members of the Monitoring and Verification Mechanism
- Security for ELN and the places where it is present under the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire
- Communications related to the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire
- Education on the Agreement on a temporary bilateral national ceasefire and its Protocols

In addition, we have agreed on and signed the glossary that sets out the conceptual understandings shared by the parties in relation to the aforementioned ceasefire.

3. We have adopted the rules of operation and workplan of the National Committee on Participation. We have set 3 August 2023 as the new date for the official establishment of the National Committee on Participation, in Bogotá.

On that same day, the temporary bilateral national ceasefire will come into full effect, for a term of 180 days.

4. We believe that full compliance with the commitments made in the agreement on the bilateral ceasefire and on participation in peacebuilding represents a

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meaningful contribution to the electoral process that will culminate in the regional and local elections to be held on 29 October 2023 and the ballot counting.

5. We thank the people and Government of Cuba for hosting the work of the permanent peace talks panel over the last few weeks, and the guarantor countries and permanent accompanying partners for their presence, as well as the group of accompanying, support and cooperation countries (GPAAC).

The commitment to and support for peace in Colombia shown by the Republic of Cuba, as evidenced by the agreements reached in this third round of talks, make the removal of Cuba from the list of State sponsors of terrorism all the more imperative.

6. We are grateful to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for its hospitality in offering to host the fourth round of talks, which will take place from 14 August to 4 September 2023.