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WEEKLY UPDATE: Implementing the Peace Accords

The final peace accord contains a three-pronged approach to ensuring fulfillment of commitments included in the text: the *Commission for Monitoring, Promotion, and Verification of the Implementation of the Peace Accord* (CSIVI), the *National Reincorporation Council* (CNR) and the GOC-FARC-UN tripartite *Monitoring and Verification Mechanism* (MM&V). This callout box includes a weekly update on releases and work related to these supports for implementing the peace accords in Colombia.

Wednesday, June 7th marked the completion of the first phase of the FARC-EP process for laying down their arms: **30% of all registered arms have now been handed over to the United Nations**. The next 30% of the registered individual arms of the transitioning guerrilla group will be presumably complete by Wednesday June 14th. The ultimate target end date for the process is July 20th, which is the GoC deadline for the individual disarmament process. ¹

As of Monday, June 12th, **305 members of the FARC-EP have received their certification** for completing the individual process of laying down their arms. Upon receiving this certification, the individuals became eligible to be accredited by the High Commissioner for Peace, Sergio Jaramillo, to receive the benefits related to participation in the reintegration route. ²

On June 6th, after four hours of debate, **the House of Representatives approved the 16 special districts** (comprising 166 different municipalities most affected by the armed conflict). The provision will last for the next two election cycles, or for eight years. Individuals belonging to the FARC-EP and their new political party, or any other political party with legal status will not be eligible to compete for these special seats. Instead, they will be chosen by social organizations, groups of citizens and associations of victims of Cauca, Arauca, Antioquia, Norte de Santander, Caquetá, and Chocó, among other departments. ³

ELN-GoC Joint Communiqué outlines advances to date in second round of talks

On Tuesday, June 6th, the negotiation teams of the guerrilla group ELN, and the GoC released their third Joint Communiqué. It delineated four agreements that the participating sides have reached in their first few weeks of the second round of dialogues in Quito. They will construct a team to address the topics of the pedagogy and communications for peace with the intention of strengthening the credibility and efficacy of the peace talks underway, as well as the accords that are ostensibly to follow. The negotiators will develop a near- and mid-term action plan. International guarantors Germany, Holland, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland have already determined the orienting terms of reference for the participation of supporting countries. And, finally, they have developed a joint trust to finance the dialogues through leveraging the inputs of international cooperation.⁴