

 PEACE MAIL

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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.

The **Colombian Senate approved the legal project that would allow former FARC-EP members to serve in the National Protection Unit (UNP) as bodyguards**. The measure passed 52:1, and now awaits presidential approval. UNP Director Diego Mora responded to those opposed to the inclusion of former guerrillas in this unit, saying that former M-19 guerrillas are currently in the UNP and they have served and reintegrated well in their duties. Currently, 315 former FARC-EP have applied to be in the Unit; 53 have been denied due to inability to pass the requirements.¹

The Organization of American States (OEA) has **accredited the FARC-EP organization for humanitarian demining – *Humanicemonos DH*** – after nine months of preparation. More than 1,000 former guerrillas are anticipated to participate in this work, with 1,700 expressing interest in a recent socioeconomic census of the guerrilla group. In all, 11 teams comprising various organizations will be working on this aspect of the peace process throughout 137 municipalities in Colombia.²

Former militia leader of the FARC 18th front killed

On Monday, August 14th, Jesús Adán Mazo, former militia leader of the 18th front of the FARC-EP was killed in Ituango, just a few meters from the transitional zone. He was shot three times in the middle of the night by individuals who entered his home, and is the second former FARC member killed in Ituango.³