

## 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.

#### **FARC in Bogota to discuss platform for newly created political party**

Over 1,200 FARC ex-guerrillas arrived in Bogota to discuss details of the agenda for their recently established political party. Starting Sunday, August 27 and lasting until Thursday, August 31, 2017 ex-guerrillas are gathering in Bogota's Gonzalez Jimenez de Quesada Convention Center to hold a "National FARC Congress for a Transition Government for Reconciliation and Peace." The conference, presided over by FARC leaders Rodrigo Lodoño "Timochenko" and Ivan Marquez, among others, will review proposed political stances for the party and develop an initial list of candidates for upcoming congressional elections. Candidates for Colombia's upcoming 2018 Presidential elections from other political parties were invited to share their vision for the country's future. Also invited were victims of the conflict. Over 1,427 police have been dispatched around the convention center to ensure the safety and security of conference participants. Costs of the meeting logistics are being covered with international funds managed by the GOC and participants from Cuba, Norway, Nicaragua, and El Salvador are expected to attend.<sup>12</sup>

#### **Government of Colombia creates Commission to review inventory of FARC assets**

The Ministry of the Interior announced the creation of a commission to verify and process the inventory of assets declared by the FARC to the GOC as part of the Peace Accord. The list of current FARC assets are valued at over USD\$ 328 million (COP\$ 963,241,000,000) and includes 242,000 hectares in property, 300 vehicles, 21,000 cows, 600 horses, USD\$ 450,000 in cash, 375 kilograms of gold, and assorted everyday items such as brooms, frying pans, and lemon squeezers. The finalized list of all FARC assets accumulated during the more than 50 years of the conflict, including the lemon squeezers, will be monetized to create a fund to benefit victims of the conflict.<sup>345</sup>