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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.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, **a team of representatives from the United Nations, Colombian National Police, and the FARC-EP were ambushed** in a rural area of Cauca while they were working to extract a weapons cache. During the confrontation, one member of the National Police was wounded.<sup>1</sup> The ELN has denied any involvement in response to reports that the individuals who executed the ambush were wearing the guerrilla organization's arm bands.<sup>2</sup>

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Selection Committee for the Special Jurisdiction for Peace announced that **2,328 individuals had applied for positions within the JEP transitional justice mechanism**. The committee will have until October to decide among the candidates for who would best qualify for the following positions: 38 titled judges and 13 alternates, the director of the Unit for the Search for Disappeared Persons, and the Director of the Unit for Investigation and Accusation within the JEP. The next selection process will open August 28<sup>th</sup>, at which point the Selection Committee will open the call for individuals interested in participating in the Truth Commission.<sup>3</sup>

Over the long weekend – August 5-7 – **the United Nations worked to extract FARC weapons caches in three departments** throughout the country, the locations of which were not revealed for security reasons. The majority of the extraction will occur by air, and the entirety of the extraction process is to be completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>. All of the munitions are being gathered in Funza, Cundinamarca, and the related operations have proved to be nearly as complex as the coordination of the FARC in the transitional zones, which occurred throughout the first few months of this calendar year.<sup>4</sup>