

Constructive meetings in Havana

Two important sets of meetings were held with the peace negotiation teams of the Government of Colombia (GOC) and the FARC. The brother of President Santos, Enrique Santos, met separately with each negotiation team to overcome differences about areas where the guerrilla will be concentrated once a final ceasefire agreement is reached¹. He has been called in on various occasions to help the parties reach agreement in moments of crisis. Secondly, US Secretary of State John Kerry met separately with FARC leaders and the GOC. The US committed to support humanitarian demining and to help ensure the safety of demobilized FARC fighters².

UK to contribute \$7.6 million to fund peace efforts

Joyce Anne Anelay, the UK Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, announced that the UK will contribute \$5.9 million (£4.2 million) to the United Nations multi-donor fund and \$1.7 million (1.5 million euros) to the European Union peacebuilding fund. An additional \$7.1 million (£5 million) will help fund over two years of social projects to improve security and justice³.

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