

Unanimously the UN Security Council approves the verification mission in Colombia

On January 26, the GOC and FARC thanked the UN Security Council members the “historic and fast” approval of the 12 month UN coordinated political mission to monitor the laying down of weapons and the verification of the cease fire¹. The UN Security Council resolution establishes a tripartite mechanism of verification that includes representatives of the GOC, the FARC and the UN. It will be composed by international unarmed observers from the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) country members, selected by the UN and will be present in 8 zones of Colombia². Additionally, the resolution requests the UN General Secretary to start the preparations for the mission immediately, and present “detailed recommendations” of its the size, mandate and operational aspects in less than 30 days, in order that it begins after the signing of the accords (UN Security Council Resolution 67, 2016).

GOC and FARC reach an accord to accelerate the signing of the peace accords

On January 22, in a joint statement, the GOC and FARC created an executive commission to accelerate and supervise that the pending accords, “End of Conflict” and “Implementation, Verification and Countersignature”, are written as soon as possible. Furthermore, the statement requested to the UN and the National University of Colombia the organization of a forum about these points of the General Accord³.

Plebiscite for peace, to constitutional review

Luis Ernesto Vargas, magistrate of the Constitutional Court, is in charge of the constitutional review of the plebiscite for peace, a law initiative of Congressman Roy Barreras, member of the government party “Partido Social de Unidad Nacional”⁴. If the Court approves the plebiscite, the president is allowed to summon an election that submits the approval of the peace agreements to the popular vote. Other congressmen have expressed the necessity to promote a national political agreement to implement the peace accords, regardless the mechanism of countersignature⁵.

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