

## **CELAC and UN Commission will verify the lay down weapons and cease fire**

Yesterday the Colombian government and the FARC issued a joint statement that establish a verification and monitoring mechanism composed by representatives of the GOC, FARC and an international component<sup>1</sup>. According to the statement, this last component will be a UN political mission in charge of the coordination and selection of the international unarmed observers from the CELAC country members, excluding the ones that share borders with Colombia. The activities of this mission involve settle controversies, make recommendations and present periodical reports<sup>2</sup>.

## **“The date of the signing of the peace dialogues was not invented by Santos”: Minister Juan Fernando Cristo**

The FARC leader Iván Márquez said it is “naïve” that the GOC insists that before March 23 a final peace accord will be reached<sup>3</sup>. The Minister, Juan Fernando Cristo, responded that the date was mutually set by the maximum leader of the FARC and president Santos<sup>4</sup>.

## **FARC insist on a constitutional assembly to endorse peace accords**

On the second day of the new dialogues cycle, the FARC leader “Pastor Alape” criticized that the GOC promotes themes, such as the “areas of concentration” or the plebiscite, that have not yet discussed with them. He states that this attitude of the GOC damages the FARC position on the negotiating table<sup>5</sup>.

## **17 pardoned FARC soldiers will get out of jail**

Ten men and seven women are the first out of thirty guerrilla combatants that will get out of jail pardoned by the GOC<sup>6</sup>. These members of the FARC are paying sentences related with political crimes and will benefit of assistance in their reintegration to the civil life<sup>7</sup>.

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