

PEACE MAIL

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WEEKLY UPDATE: Implementing the Peace Accords

This callout box includes a weekly update on releases and work specifically related implementing the Final Peace Accord between the Government and the FARC in Colombia.

On Tuesday, November 14th, **the Constitutional Court determined that the Legislative Act for Peace is enforceable**, with the exception of eleven elements. This Act is the legal instrument that resulted in the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) and created the framework for the legislative “fast track” processes used in this first year of implementation.¹

Following the Constitutional Court’s decision the **Senate approved the legal project structuring the JEP the following day**, resolving some of the uncertainty that had surrounded the fate of the transitional justice mechanism. The project was approved, however, with various proposed changes, such as an additional requirement that magistrates within the JEP have a five year window of zero involvement with conflict-related judicial proceedings prior to their application to serve in the role. If this revision were to be implemented, 15 of the current selected magistrates would not be able to continue within the jurisdiction. With this Senate approval, the project now passes to the plenary session of the House of Representatives and, if it approved, the changes proposed by both entities will be reconciled in the final version.²