United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia
1 First Mission Developments

Movement of FARC-EP members to Local Zones
28 January - 19 February 2017
During this period, there were 36 ground, maritime, and riverine movements of 6,934 members of the FARC-EP. They were grouped at various transitional local zones (TLZ) and points for normalization (PN).

UN Security Council Visit
3 – 5 May 2017
The United Nations Security Council visited Colombia for the first time and reiterated its support to the peace process.
Laying down of arms
1 March - 22 September 2017
On September 22, the Mission concluded activities regarding the FARC-EP laying down of arms, including the destruction of the weapons registered at the TLZNs and PNs, material extracted from arms caches, and all unstable weapons.

Monitoring and Verification Mechanism
25 June 2016 - 25 September 2017
The Monitoring and Verification Mechanism was comprised of 1,136 monitors: 323 members of the National Government, 323 members of FARC-EP, and 490 International Observers.

Successful compliance with the bilateral and definitive ceasefire and cessation of hostilities. The death of 2,796 people was prevented, according to the forecasts made by CERAC.
Verification Mission Background

Final Agreement Signature
24 November 2016

The final Peace Agreement includes the request for a second Mission of Verification.

Letter from President Juan Manuel Santos
7 June 2017

Resolution 2366 (2017)
Adopted by the Security Council on 10 July 2017

- Decides to establish a political mission in Colombia for an initial period of 12 months as of 26 September 2017.

- Mandate: verify the implementation of sections 3.2 and 3.4 of the Final Agreement.

- “[...] and should include the required regional and local verification”.

- “[...] shall work closely with the relevant verification bodies established by the Final Agreement”.

- “to work in co-ordination with the United Nations Country Team Members in Colombia in accordance with their respective mandates”. 
“Verification is not an end itself. On the contrary, its essential role and purpose is to ensure the success of the peace process; success in the first place for the society in Colombia, and also success for the United Nations”.

Jean Arnault
Head of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia.

Verification Vision

• **Impartial**
  Brings impartial information on the process to stakeholders on the compliance with the commitments made.

• **Proactive**
  Estará encaminada a proponer soluciones y aunar esfuerzos para su implementación.

• **Seeks credibility building.**

  Endeavours to **strengthen the support provided by the international community to the peace process.**
The UN Verification Mission shall:

• be established for the period of one year, extended if necessary.

• include local and regional verification.

• make presence in about 26 Territorial Areas for Training and Reintegration, where reincorporation of FARC is taking place as well as the implementation of personal and collective security guarantees.

• be comprised of 120 international observers – dressed as civilians.

• be comprised of 230 national and international civilian staff members.
Section 3.2 of the Agreement:

Reincorporation of the FARC-EP into civilian life – in economic, social and political matters – in accordance with its interests.

“Laying the foundations for building a stable and long-lasting peace requires the effective reincorporation of the FARC-EP into the social, economic and political life of the country. The process of reincorporation confirms the commitment of the FARC-EP to contribute to the end of the armed conflict, become a legal political entity and decisively contribute to the consolidation of the national reconciliation, peaceful coexistence and guarantees of non-recurrence, and to transform the conditions that allowed violence across the country’s territories to arise and persist”.

Special attention shall be drawn to the following points of the agreement:

- Economic and social reincorporation.
- The necessary guarantees and conditions shall be adopted to facilitate the creation and functioning of the new party or political movement that emerges from the transition of the FARC-EP to legal political activity.
- Political reincorporation.
Section 3.4 of the Agreement:

Guarantees of security.

“Agreement on guarantees of security and the fight against criminal organisations and criminal acts that are responsible for or that bring about homicides and massacres that attack human rights advocates, social movements or political movements or that threaten or attack persons taking part in the implementation of the accords and peacebuilding, including criminal organisations that have been labelled as successors of paramilitarism and their support networks.”

Special attention shall be drawn to the verification of the following aspects:

• Personal and collective security guarantees.

• Comprehensive Security System for the Exercise of Politics, especially for FARC members and their families.

• Comprehensive Programmes of Security and Protection for communities and organizations across territories.
Deployment of the Mission

The Mission will make strong presence across the territories most affected by the conflict to verify implementation of the Agreement.

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National Headquarters (Bogota) where also operates Regional Office of Tolima.

9 Regional Offices: Valledupar, Cúcuta, Florencia, Medellín, Popayán, Villavicencio, Quibdó, San José del Guaviare y Pasto.

7 Sub Regions: Mocoa, Buenaventura, Montería, Apartado, Barrancabermeja, Arauca y Puerto Rico.

26 TART - Territorial Areas for Training and Reintegration.
Appointed units as per the agreement between the Government and FARC:

- National Reincorporation Council (NRC).
- National Commission on Security Guarantees.

UN Country Team

Partnership among UN agencies involved in the mandate of the Verification Mission.

Civil Society

Ethnic groups, groups of victims, NGO, women’s organisations, private sector, academia, educational institutions, the Catholic Church, among others.

Other institutions responsible of the implementation at the local, regional, and national level:

- Office of the Vice President of Colombia
- Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN)
- Senior Presidential Advisor for the Post-conflict
- Office of the High Commissioner for Peace
- Ombudsman’s Office of Colombia
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Military Forces
- National Police
- Other institutions