

# United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia



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## 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.





## 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.

As a result of the totality of the activities related to the arms laying down process, the **UN Mission in Colombia** counted the following material:



The UN Mission received information on the location of 1,027 arms caches of which 750 arms caches were neutralized.

## 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.

# 2 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*

Addressed to the Secretary General and the Security Council on behalf of the Government of Colombia and FARC-EP requesting a Second Political Mission.





## 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”.

# 3 Vision

*“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**  
Focuses on formulating recommendations and making every effort to implement the mandate.
- Seeks **credibility building**.
- Endeavours to **strengthen the support provided by the international community to the peace process**.

# Operational aspects

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*The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia will deploy in terrain international observers and civil experts on verification.*

## The UN Verification Mission shall:

- be established for the period of a 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.

# 5 Verification Mandate

## 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 co-existence 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”.

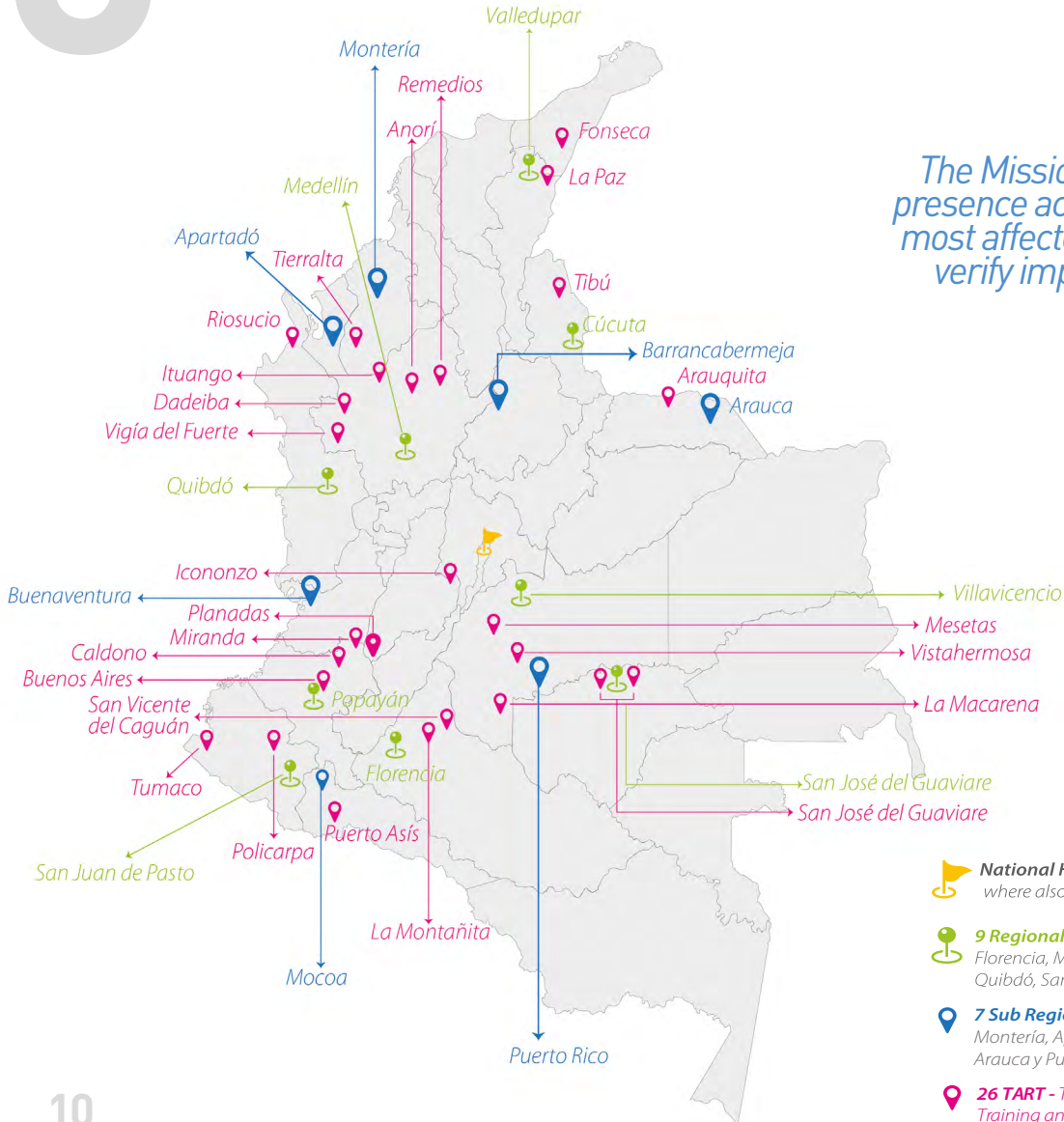


### Special attention shall be drawn to the verification of the following aspects:

- 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.

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## Deployment of the Mission



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

# Institutional joint responsibility and coordination

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## Appointed units as per the agreement between the Government and FARC:

- Commission for Monitoring, Promoting and Verifying the Implementation of the Final Agreement (CMPVI).
- 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



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