

Report of the Secretary-General

United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia Reported period: 27 December 2023 to 26 March 2024

The present report provides updates on mandated tasks regarding the verification of the Final Peace Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace, pursuant to Security Council resolutions 2366 (2017), 2655 (2022) and 2673 (2023). Additionally, following resolution 2694 (2023), it informs about the implementation of the ceasefire between the Government of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN).

Comprehensive rural reform

Section 1 of the Peace Agreement



During this period, the Government acquired

113,051 hectares, for a total of **401,157** during this administration.

75,452 have been delivered to beneficiaries.



82,014 hectares of land have been

formalized in this period, for a total **807,815** hectares, during the current Administration.



*Who are intended to be the primary beneficiaries of the reform as stated in the Final Agreement. The Unit for Land Restitution (URT) submitted additional cases on behalf of claimants for more than

1,665,004 hectares during the reporting period.

326,637 hectares

have been restituted or financially compensated, out of the 10 million hectares being processed since 2011. Development programmes with a territorial focus (PDET)

> The Government launched a review of the **33,007** PDET initiatives to prioritize those with a higher impact, and those benefiting women.

During the current administration, 495 PDET projects have been finalized for a total of 3,689 since the signing of the Agreement.

Socioeconomic reintegration

Section 3.2 of the Peace Agreement

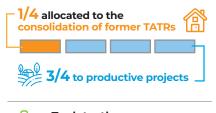




During the period, the Government acquired 4,785 hectares for productive

use by former combatants.

To date, over **11,800** hectares have been acquired of which





During this period, the ARN allocated approximately USD \$700,000 to strengthen the capacities of the two main cooperatives' federations, ECOMUN and the Efraín Guzman Federation.

Political reintegration

In January, regional and local authorities elected in October 2023 took office without incident around the country.

Including

18 former combatants and candidates of the Comunes party (10 women).

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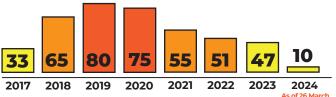
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Security guarantees - Section 3.4 of the Peace Agreement FORMER FARC-EP COMBATANTS

Since the signing of the Peace Agreement, until 26 March 2024, the Mission has verified:







Evolution of FARC-EP former combatant killings by year. UNVMC

Special Investigation Unit of the Office of the Attorney-General

Since the signing of the Agreement,

The Unit has investigated

513 Cases

Leading to 71 Trials 75 Sentences

1,187 Arrest warrants were requested

408 were executed

During this quarter, **two trials** were held, resulting in four sentences and the issuance of 38 arrest warrants, none of which have been executed.

Security guarantees -Section 3.4 of the Peace Agreement SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR COMMUNITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND SOCIAL LEADERS

Throughout the reporting period, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, received:

Since the signing of the Agreement,

have been killed while under or

awaiting protection measures from

the National Protection Unit (NPU).

87 former combatants

42 ALLEGATIONS OF KILLINGS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

2 verified,37 under verification,3 inconclusive.

Of the cases verified and under verification: 13 were peasant leaders, 6 Afro-Colombian leaders, 4 Indigenous leaders, 1 woman and 1 LGBTQ person.

Most of these incidents occurred in Antioquia, Cauca, Putumayo, and Valle del Cauca.

18 massacres

4 verified (13 victims) (10 men and 3 children)

3 in the process of verification

l inconclusive

Between 27 December and 26 March, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) documented:



Forced displacement of : **14,365** persons



With a disproportionate impact on ethnic communities, which represented 64% of those affected (42% Indigenous people and 22% Afro-Colombians).



Insecurity was particularly acute in Departments such as Antioquia, Bolívar, Caquetá, Cauca, Chocó, La Guajira, Nariño, Putumayo and Valle del Cauca.



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Restorative sentences

Section 5.1.2 of the Peace Agreement

To date, the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) has indicted:

151 individuals

- Members of the former FARC-EP
- **100** Members of the security forces
 - 3 Three civilian
 - Non-combatant State agent

Of the 121 indicted individuals whose recognition phase had come to an end, 89% acknowledged their responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity.



In February, the SJP informed that:

30 of the 35 former members of the army indicted within Case 03* for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Huila, acknowledged their responsibility.

5 retired Army generals also indicted did not accept responsibility.

*On killings and forced disappearances presented as combat casualties by State agents.

Ethnic chapter

Section 6.2 of the Peace Agreement



The Office of the Vice-President established high-level round tables involving entities to monitor and promote the implementation of commitments laid down in the pact signed in November 2023 to complete at least 60% of the ethnic chapter's implementation by 2026.



The Government issued a decree in February aimed at regulating the formalization and acquisition of land for Afro-Colombian community councils.

The Land Restitution Unit prioritized 29 cases during the first quarter of the year:



11 to Afro-Colombian community councils.

18 to Indigenous reservations.

In total, the Unit was processing 362 active restitution claims involving ethnic peoples.

Solution to the Illicit Drug Problem



The Government committed **\$ 18 million** to implement these plans in 2024:



7,524 investment plans for crop substitution

benefiting Afro-Colombian families participating in the **National Comprehensive** Programme for the Substitution of Illicit Crops in Tumaco, Nariño.



1,860 investment plans to provide Indigenous families in Cauca with alternative means of subsistence.



During the reporting period, the SJP issued 96 judicial orders with an ethnic approach and one with an ethnic and gender intersectionality perspective, **38** of which were complied with.



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Other developments related to the Peace Agreement



During the reporting period,

3,800 unidentified bodies were found in Norte de Santander through the joint work of Unit for the Search for Persons Deemed as Missing (UBPD) and the SJP.

Of which **211** were recovered and may belong to victims of enforced disappearance.

Developments related to negotiations with the Ejército de Liberación Nacional - ELN



The Government and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) held a sixth round of talks in Cuba from 22 January to 6 February 2024.

- The sides announced their agreement to extend the ceasefire for another 180 days starting on 6 February.
- So far, the ceasefire Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM) has been able to take actions to prevent 27 instances of potential armed clashes between the sides.





The National Participation Committee,

held: 2 plenary sessions 10 preparatory sessions at the regional level.





Also began organizing: 10 territorial meetings 6 sectoral meetings

including gatherings of women, Afro-Colombians, and businesspersons, to hear proposals and recommendations from citizens on the methodology and the national participation plan.



So far,

4,300 people from

2,100 grassroot and civil society organizations have participated in the sessions of the Participation Committee.