

**United Nations Verification** Mission in Colombia

#### 27 December 2022 to 26 march 2023

The present report is submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2655 (2022), by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, and Council resolution 2366 (2017), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the mandate of the Mission every 90 days. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 2673 (2023), the report also informs on the implementation of sections 1 and 6.2 of the Final Peace Agreement, regarding the comprehensive rural reform and the ethnic chapter, respectively.

Under the current government.

the ANT has formalized land

1.015.000 hectares.

In December 2022, the ANT established

400,000 hectares to some

16,000 beneficiaries in Cauca,

Meta, and Cundinamarca departments.

four new peasant reserve zones,

granting close to

tenure for

## **Comprehensive Rural Reform**

#### Section 1 of the Peace Agreement



In the draft National Development Plan (NDP), the Government allocated 82% of the resources destined for peace issues to Comprehensive Rural Reform.

**The Government** announced the adjudication of 2.9 million hectares of land to peasants and 3.9 million hectares for formalization during its four-year term.

Access to land

The Government has added 1.931 hectares to the Land Fund created by the Agreement, for a total of 2.232.867.



out of the 3 million goal stipulated in the Final Agreement. The National Land Agency (ANT) has so far purchased some

7.000 hectares for rural reform purposes.

## Socioeconomic reintegration

Section 3.2 of the Peace Agreement



of accredited former combatants participate in productive initiatives, 62% of these being individual projects.

#### COLLECTIVE **Productive projects**

Approved by the National Reintegration Council (NRC)





#### INDIVIDUAL **Productive projects**

support

Provects

have received financial

Approved by the Agency for Reintegration and Normalization (ARN)





## To date 10.577

of the over 13,000 accredited former combatants (2,570 women)

pursue their reintegration process in over 600 municipalities outside the 24 former TATRs\*

including collectively in

**75** new reintegration areas.

\*Territorial Areas for Trainina and Reintegration



A total of **6.746** former combatants

(1.831 women) are part of

cooperatives



17 cooperatives exclusively composed of women.

The National Reintegration Council (NRC) approved the establishment of the national reintegration system a mechanism to coordinate a broader institutional response

PDFT.

to implement reintegration policies.

The National Land Agency (ANT) announced the purchase of three plots of land for former TATRs in Caquetá, Nariño and Tolima.

11 of the 24 former TATRs have land.



Housing construction is ongoing in four former TATRs in Antioquia, Arauca, Cauca and Caquetá. In Cauca, 15 houses are ready for delivery.

## Political reintegration



The Comunes party held its third annual National Assembly, electing 75 new members of the National Council of Comunes (50% women), which in turn re-elected Rodrigo Londoño as president of the party and appointed the new 15 members of its political council (seven women).

In February, Comunes party announced it has officially joined the Government's Pacto Histórico coalition.

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**Development programmes** 

with a territorial focus (PDET)

committed to

**PDET regions.** 

implementing two

umbrella projects,

The draft National

**Development Plan** 

The Agency for Territorial Renewal (ART) has

bringing together different

initiatives in each of the 16

stipulates the allocation of

**\$200 million** for the

implementation of the

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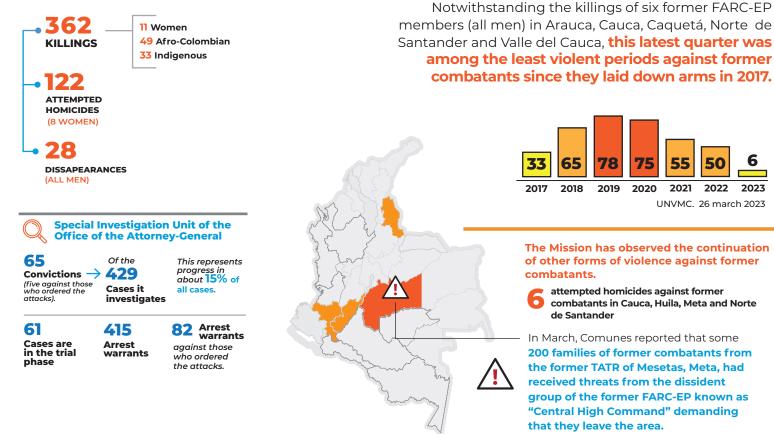
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## Security guarantees - Former FARC-EP combatants

Section 3.4 of the Peace Agreement

#### Since the signing of the Peace Agreement, the Mission has verified:



## Security guarantees SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR COMMUNITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND SOCIAL LEADERS

During this period, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) received allegations of:

#### 35 **KILLINGS** HUMAN RIGHTS **DEFENDERS**

4 verified, 31 under verification.

#### According to OHCHR, most killings were reported in Bolívar, Cauca, Córdoba. Nariño and Valle del Cauca: the victims included peasants and Indigenous leaders, crop substitution

leaders and members of local administrative boards.

According to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), between 27 December and 21 March:



people were forcibly displaced.

17.500 people confined countrywide.

Almost half of the people affected are Afro-Colombian or members of Indigenous communities.

MASSACRES 13 verified (with 44 victims) 16 under verification



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## **Restorative sentences**

Section 5.1.2 of the Peace Agreement



#### In February,

the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) held a hearing to verify the State's preparedness to implement upcoming restorative sentences in which 23 ministries and public entities participated.

Key Government entities expressed commitment to enabling the conditions for the implementation of restorative sentences.

The trial phase began in Case 01 (on hostage-taking, other severe deprivations of liberty and concurrent crimes committed by FARC-EP) as well as in Case 03 (on killings and forced disappearances presented as combat casualties by State agents) regarding crimes committed in Norte de Santander department, leading to the issuance of restorative sentences upon former top commanders of the FARC-EP, former members of the public security forces and one civilian who have already acknowledged responsibility and contributed to the truth.



In February, the SJP issued its first indictment within Case 05\* against 10 former mid-level members of the Western Front of the FARC-EP (including one woman).

#### Over **178,000** victims are

accredited in this case, including peasants, Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities, and their territories.

\*Case 05: On the situation of northern Cauca and southern Valle del Cauca.



The draft National **Development Plan** acknowledges the importance of improving coordination between the Government and the Comprehensive System for Truth, **Justice, Reparation** and Non-Repetition. It also stipulates that public institutions should establish the conditions for the implementation of the sentences.

## **Ethnic Chapter**

Section 6.2 of the Peace Agreement



According to Colombia's National Planning Department, implementation of the ethnic chapter has been comparatively low in relation to other sections of the Agreement:

44% compared to the average 60% rate of overall implementation.

### Land-related developments

According to the National Land Agency (ANT), 910,893 hectares have been formalized to indigenous peoples and 5,712 to Afro-Colombian peoples since the current goverment took office.

The Land Restitution Unit has initiated legal actions for the restitution of **over one million hectares of land for the five prioritized territories included under the ethnic chapter in Chocó, Guaviare, Nariño and Córdoba.** 

#### **Security guarantees**

Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities continue to be targeted by illegal armed groups, including indigenous guards, especially in Cauca.



#### Victims and transitional justice



To date, the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (SJP) and traditional authorities have held:

**115 interjurisdictional coordination sessions** regarding various cases of the SJP, including 77 sessions within Case 02\*.

In light of the persisting violence, victims accredited in Case 09\* have put forward **25 requests** for precautionary measures before the SJP.

\*Case 02: On the situation of Ricaurte, Tumaco and Barbacoas, Nariño. \*Case 09: On impacts on Ethnic Peoples and Territories.



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## Other developments related to the implementation of the Peace Agreement



### Political participation Section 2 of the Peace Agreement

The 16 representatives of the special

transitional electoral districts for

**Peace** provided inputs regarding peace, reparations and rural development during the design of the draft National Development



## Solution to the illicit drugs problem

The PNIS is currently undergoing review, including though consultations with beneficiaries in several regions.



# Recommendations of the Truth Commission

Plan.

#### Section 5 of the Peace Agreement

Owing to the advocacy of the committee for follow-up on the recommendations of the Truth Commission, the draft National Development Plan includes a provision indicating that relevant entities will progressively address the Commission's recommendations.

### Unit for the Search for Persons Deemed as Missing

Section 5 of the Peace Agreement



Luz Janeth Forero was chosen as the new director of the Unit for a five-year period, in replacement of Luz Marina Monzón.

The Unit received extensive information from the Ministry of Defense collected from members of the security forces on potential victims of enforced disappearance.



### Former FARC-EP assets

In compliance with provisions of the Peace Agreement, the Special Assets Administration (SAE) used around **\$4.3 million in assets** handed over by the former FARC-EP and, jointly with the Victims' Unit, compensated more than **2,300 individual victims of the** FARC-EP.

Former FARC-EP assets were also used to provide collective reparations (approximately \$1.6 million in cash and \$3.4 million in kind) to groups of victims, including Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities from various departments.

## **Dialogues in the framework of the "Total Peace" policy**



The Government and the *Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN)* held their second round of peace negotiations in Mexico City, reaching agreements announced on 10 March, including a revised agenda of talks and commitments for the next round on ceasefire negotiations and the participation of society.