

The Peacebuilding Commission remarks to the Security Council on Colombia

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Mister President, distinguished members of the Council,

On behalf of the Peacebuilding Commission, I thank you for inviting me to brief the Security Council. Building on the Peacebuilding Commission's engagement with Colombia since 2020, the Commission encourages the Security Council to consider:

1. Continuing to show unified support to the Government of Colombia in its efforts to implement the Final Peace Agreement.
2. Calling for broad international support, including via the UN Verification Mission, the UN Country Team, the Multi-Partner Trust Fund and the Peacebuilding Fund, for the Government's commitment to implement all chapters of the Final Peace Agreement.
3. Welcoming the revitalized cooperation between the signatory parties in overcoming challenges in the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement, including through the renewed use of the implementation architecture.
4. Encouraging the full and timely implementation of the ethnic provisions across the Peace Agreement including as it relates to Indigenous and Afro Colombian population.
5. Showing particular support for the Government's efforts to implement the Development Programmes with Territorial Focus (PDET) and the Comprehensive Rural Reform of the Final Peace Agreement, which are key to reinforcing State presence in conflict affected areas, and to enable a more equal access to land for rural and conflict-affected populations, including rural women, and former combatants.
6. Supporting the Government with the socio-economic reintegration of former combatants as a key element for sustainable peace in Colombia.
7. Commending the Government of Colombia for the progress made towards the National Development Plan which includes peace as one of its cross-cutting elements and highlights the centrality of the Final Peace Agreement to achieve the Plan.
8. Stressing the continued urgency to ensure the security and protection of former combatants, social leaders and communities, including the Afro Colombian and Indigenous communities who continue to be the victims of violence in areas still affected by conflict, the presence of illegal armed groups and limited state presence.
9. Closely following up with the Government on measures taken to provide protection of young community members and leaders to ensure their full and effective participation in relevant political processes and continue to support for their peacebuilding efforts as well as to prevent recruitment of youth in illegal groupings.
10. Reiterating the importance of the role of Colombian women and centrality of their full, equal and meaningful participation in peacebuilding, as highlighted in the Secretary-General's latest report.
11. Expressing full support to the efforts of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace to advance the goal of the Agreement to uphold victims' rights in Colombia, and for the work underway to follow-up on the recommendations of the Truth Commission.

The Peacebuilding Commission reiterates its commitment to supporting the Government of Colombia and its people in their efforts to build peace and share their unique experiences in peacebuilding in the Commission.

I thank you.