

## Written Submission

### The Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council on Colombia

11 January 2023

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Since 2020, on the request of the Government of Colombia, the Peacebuilding Commission has continued to mobilize support for Colombia's efforts to build peace following the ratification of the Final Peace Agreement in 2016. The Commission reiterates the importance of Colombia as a successful example of inclusive peacebuilding and expresses its appreciation to the strong engagement of the Peacebuilding Commission with the Government of Colombia to share its experiences with conflict affected countries and regions.

Building on the Peacebuilding Commission's most recent remarks to the Security Council on Colombia on 12 October 2022, the Commission would like to make the following points:

1. The Commission commends President Petro and his Government for their continued commitment to the comprehensive implementation of the Final Peace Agreement at its sixth anniversary and welcomes the Government of Colombia's efforts to deepen and consolidate peace.
2. The Commission commends the Government and the National Liberation Army for the resumption of negotiations towards lasting peace in Colombia, and the strong representation of women on both sides, and welcomes the broad international support to the process, including the accompaniment role of the Secretary-General through the SRSG, the Catholic Church and guarantor countries.
3. The Commission takes note of the Government's initiative to launch participatory dialogue to feed into the National Development Plan for 2022-2026 and welcomes the progress made in promoting women's participation in the regional dialogues. The Commission further takes note of the recent establishment of the Ministry of Equality and Equity of Colombia.
4. The Commission takes note of the request made to expand the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia to include verification of the implementation of the Agreement's Section 1 and the ethnic chapter and expresses confidence that the Mission's participation would help to consolidate progress, as the Secretary-General has noted in his recommendations to the Council.
5. The Commission reiterates its commitment, within its mandate, to continue supporting Colombia in its peacebuilding efforts, and engaging with the Government of Colombia and welcomes Colombia to share the experiences and lessons learnt with conflict-affected countries.