



## Colombia Peace Deal Must Protect Indigenous and Afro-Colombian Rights



Havana, June 29 (RHC)-- The delegations of the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia have met with representatives of Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities to help ensure that their rights are protected and respected in the forthcoming peace agreement.

In a joint statement by the two sides, it was emphasized that: "The territorial peace will only be possible in more than 30 percent of the rural territory of the country if the ethnic groups that inhabit it are included, along with their wealth of experience in building peace, and the value of their rights as mechanisms to prevent new conflicts in the implementation of the agreements."

The delegations also reiterated their commitment to the respect for and protection of ethnic and cultural diversity of all communities living in the South American nation. The talks, which were held in Havana, are framed in Point Six of the Agenda of the General Agreement establishing the "implementation, verification and countersignature."