

Raul Castro Renews Cuba's Commitment to Peace Process in Colombia



Havana, May 12 (RHC/Xinhua)-- Cuban President Raul Castro on Thursday met top commanders of Colombia's two guerrilla groups to discuss the peace process in Colombia.

Raul held separate talks with the delegation of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) led by its leader Timoleon Jimenez and the delegation of the National Liberation Army (ELN) led by Nicolas Rodriguez, chief of its central commando, according to a government release.

In the two meetings, President Raul Castro exchanged views with the guerrilla groups on the peace process in Colombia and the discussions held between the two groups.

Raul Castro confirmed Cuba's commitment to continue backing the negotiations and a road-map to end the armed conflict.

The FARC delegation thanked Raul for Cuba's support for the four-year negotiations between the group and the government of President Juan Manuel Santos in Havana, which concluded in a peace agreement.

For its part, the ELN delegation expressed its recognition of Cuba for acting as a guarantor, together with Ecuador, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela and Norway.

Earlier this week, the two delegations held meetings in Havana to discuss joint strategies for a political solution to the decades-long armed conflict in Colombia.

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