

Colombian Government and National Liberation Army sign Mexico Agreement

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Mexico City, March 10 (RHC)-- The Colombian government and the National Liberation Army (ELN), signed on Friday the Mexico Agreement, the new agenda of dialogues to achieve peace in the South American country.

This Agreement is considered the road map towards a pact of the Colombian society that will lead to a great National Agreement and reconciliation, fruit of structural transformations.

It also contemplates the initial elements for the participation of society and the initial elements for the ceasefire between the Government and the ELN.

The Dialogue Table and the new agenda are instruments of a process initiated in 2012 that is now developing in the face of a deeper crisis: incidence of drug trafficking, political corruption, economic model aggravated by the global crisis that threatens life on the planet, states the text.

It adds that overcoming the internal conflict requires political, social, economic, environmental and cultural transformations and requires a national pact that has the strength to bring together the will of all sectors of society.

The majority of Colombians have stopped believing in those who, by action or omission, have encouraged the crises, emphasizes the document signed today in Mexico with the presence of Vice President Francia Márquez and Foreign Minister Álvaro Leyva.

The parties to this process identified the need for a great National Agreement that must push for the changes required by Colombian society.

This agreement must be consolidated from the alliance of forces, movements and political, economic and social organizations, media, and different groups and popular expressions that must push for the changes required by Colombian society.

Among other aspects, it points out that it will work with a gender perspective, women's rights, LGBTIQ+ population, ethnic peoples and care for Mother Earth.

In addition, it will include initiatives and experiences of society, and recommendations and instruments of national and international entities aimed at increasing the participation of women in the construction and maintenance of peace.

The political solution to the conflict is based on the commitments of all public authorities, institutions and officials to work for a State peace policy, which will not be altered by any subsequent government.

The two delegations called for the democratic participation of all sectors of society, without exclusions, to agree on the transformations required by the regions and the country as a whole, and to undertake a process of transitions leading to full democracy.

National sovereignty, integral peace, the defeat of corruption, the protection of Mother Earth, overcoming the current system of exploitation and depredation, and creating the conditions for social and economic equity are the banners that guide those who march with these purposes.

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