

Joint Communiqué # 72

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In view of the positive dynamics acquired by the discussions on the topics related to the item on the “End of the Conflict”, the delegations of the National Government and the FARC – EP have agreed to declare ourselves in permanent session with the purpose of reaching agreements as soon as possible.

Over the following four days we will work separately on the analysis of the proposals we have exchanged in regard to the ceasefire and the end of the hostilities, the laying down of arms, security guarantees and the fight against criminal organizations responsible for homicides and massacres or for targeting Human Rights advocates, social movements or political movements, including the criminal organizations labelled as successors of paramilitarism and its support networks, on the prosecution of criminal conducts that threaten the implementation of the agreements and the construction of peace, and regarding the characteristics and the operation of the monitoring and verification mechanism emerging from Resolution 2261 of the United Nations’ Security Council.

We want to highlight the important agreements reached during these days in relation to the legal security of the Final Agreement and the release of minors from the camps of the FARC – EP, vital agreements for the safety of all the parties involved in the conflict, and regarding trust-building measures for society. We thank the Special Representative of the United Nations’ Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, for her invaluable support, the ICRC, the IOM, UNICEF and the national organizations for their participation in the Technical Table. Over the following days, we hope to finalize the protocols and the transitory placement plan that will enable the return of the minors under 15 years old.

We will meet at the Table again on Tuesday, May 31, to continue with the discussions. The purpose is to take a new and decisive step toward the end of the war and to achieve the peace we desire so much.