

## A FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND NOT FOR WAR

### Declaration of the *Defend the Peace Movement* (*Movimiento Defendamos la Paz*)

The *Defend the Peace Movement* rejects the hostility of the Government of President Duque towards the members of the international verification and accompaniment architecture of the Peace Agreement. It is about marginalization and distancing in the best of cases and accusations in the worst of them.

The loyalty of Cuba and Norway with peace and with the people of Colombia was manifested during the negotiation and remains unchanged.

The demand for turning over of the ELN commanders in Havana, in violation of a protocol signed by the Colombian State, has been used to undermine Cuba's role in the peace process with the FARC. The Government is now going for more and seems inclined towards breaking diplomatic relations.

The diplomatic missions of Norway and Cuba have been excluded from meetings and important visits associated with the implementation; the Promotion, Monitoring and Verification Commission has lost relevance; the participation of the notable observers, namely, Felipe González (Spain's former president) and José Mujica (Uruguay's former president), has been paralyzed; The Government shows its reluctance to extend the mandate of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, responsible for the verification of the human rights situation within the framework of the Peace Agreement, and insists on restricting the role of the United Nations System in Colombia.

Thus, we are witnessing the progressive dismantling of verification and international accompaniment to the peace process.

We thank the international community for its commitment to peace and ask you not to be confused by the Colombian Government's positions, which is pro-peace externally, to obtain resources, and anti-peace internally, to dismantle the bulk of the Peace Agreement.

We call on citizens to stay together and not give up in defense of the Peace Agreement.

We require the Government to respect the guarantor countries, as well as the entire international community that accompanies the peace efforts.

Colombia needs a foreign policy of peace and not war, one of dialogues and not of ruptures.

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