

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS LAUNCH INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN



INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY CALL

FOR A COLOMBIA IN PEACE
SPACE OF PEACE COOPERATION

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The international civil society organisations that form part of the platform *Space of Peace Cooperation* (Espacio de Cooperación para la Paz), which is committed to peacebuilding and a negotiated end to the armed conflict in Colombia, are launching an international information and awareness campaign for peace in Colombia. The campaign “International community – emergency call for a Colombia in peace” is a large-scale campaign that is simultaneously launched across Europe and the Americas.

Objective:

The aim of the campaign is to influence the United States, European and Latin American governments, as well as the European Union (EU), the Organisation of American States (OAS) and the United Nations, to ensure they continue their work in support of peace, the enforcement of International Humanitarian Law and respect for the work and the life of

persons and organisations working for peace and human rights. The objective is to ensure that the Colombian Government complies with the Peace Accord signed with the FARC-EP and resumes the peace talks with the ELN.

How we are going to do it:

From today until the end of November 2019, through social media, the press and in the streets of many European, Latin American and US cities, we will be sending messages, share information, organise acts of solidarity, make public declarations and advocacy actions in the decision-making forums of the UN, the OAS and the EU Parliament.

What we want to achieve with the campaign:

- ✓ We want people to join in and say “Yes” to peace in Colombia, “No” to the murders of people working for peace and human rights, and those who have chosen to turn in their weapons for words.
- ✓ We want people on the ground in Europe, Latin America and the USA, their governments and institutions, including the UN and the OAS, to keep an eye on peace in Colombia and monitor the implementation of the Peace Accord that was signed in 2016.
- ✓ We want to **inform** about the key role Human Rights Defenders play for peace building in Colombia and for the implementation of the peace agreements.
- ✓ We want to **highlight** the social and political impacts caused by the killings and threats against the people who are working for peace and human rights in Colombia, as well as, the harm that is caused by criminalisation and persecution of human rights defenders. In addition, we will illustrate how attacks against ex-combatants are threatening the stability of the peace process.
- ✓ We want to **encourage** the international community to continue supporting Colombia in the pursuit of peace.
- ✓ We want to **ask** people in Europe, the USA and Latin America to express **solidarity** with Colombia and with the people and organisations working for peace and human rights in Colombia.
- ✓ We want to **encourage** European, US and Latin American citizens to ask their governments and international bodies to urge the Colombian Government to comply with the Final Peace Accord that was signed with the FARC-EP and to resume the negotiations with the ELN.

Who we are:

The **Space of Peace Cooperation (ECPP)** is a network of 29 international civil society organisations working on Colombia. Currently, our members are:

ABColumbia, Broederlijk Delen, Caritas Suiza, Christian Aid, Comité Noruego de Solidaridad con América Latina, COMUNDO, Fastenopfer, Federación Luterana Mundial, Foro de Mujeres y Desarrollo-FOKUS, Fondo de Acción Urgente para América Latina, Forum Syd, Fundación Sueca por los Derechos Humanos, Grupo de Trabajo Suiza Colombia -ASK!-, Heks-Eper, ICCO, Iglesia Sueca, International Action for Peace (observadora), kolko - Menschenrechte für Kolumbien, Latin American Working Group, Llamamiento de Ginebra, Mundubat, Movimiento por la Paz -MPDL-en Colombia, ODHACO, Oxfam, Paz con Dignidad, Peace Brigades International –PBI- (observadora), SweFOR (observadora), Swissaid, Terre des Hommes Suisse.

Where you can follow the campaign:

Twitter: @EspacioPazenCol

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Facebook: Alerta Paz Colombia, and on the websites and social media pages of the member organisations of the ECPP.



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