

Colombian Truth Commission delivers final report to the Integral System for Peace



Representatives of the Unit for the Search for Missing Persons highlighted that receiving the legacy of the Truth Commission is a historic opportunity. | Photo: JEP

Bogota, August 6 (RHC)-- The Colombian Truth Commission delivered this Friday its final report to the Integral System for Peace in the country, integrated by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP) and the Unit for the Search of Disappeared Persons (UBPD).

The vice-president of the JEP, Alexandra Sandoval, expressed that "the Commission delivers its legacy for us to be guardians and we commit ourselves to keep it alive and to integrate its lessons learned in

listening, because only in this way can we continue weaving the bonds of reconciliation, peace and justice."

Similarly, the representative of the organization said that, with the delivery of this document, "we are left with the enormous challenge of continuing to assemble the puzzle that means 60 years of armed conflict,"

"After reconstructing that past, we have the decision, in the present, to know what to do and how to do it. Truth also demands justice and that is why the Special Jurisdiction for Peace exists: to provide justice to so many victims who for years have been waiting to be heard by a court and for those responsible for the damages suffered to appear to account for what happened," said Sandoval.

He emphasized that the entity is committed to continue investigating to establish the full truth of the armed conflict, not only structural, but also to "unveil the patterns of macro-criminality and make visible the damage caused to the most vulnerable people in Colombian society".

For its part, the UBPD stated that receiving the legacy and recommendations of the Truth Commission's final report constitutes a historic opportunity to build a future of non-repetition of the armed conflict in Colombia, where 80 percent of the deaths were civilians.

The UBPD recognized the legacy of the Truth Commission and, based on its recommendations, reaffirms the construction of "paths of reparation, inclusion, justice, recognition and dignity with the victims, their families, organizations and the country as a whole so that, finally, it will be possible to build a country in peace".

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