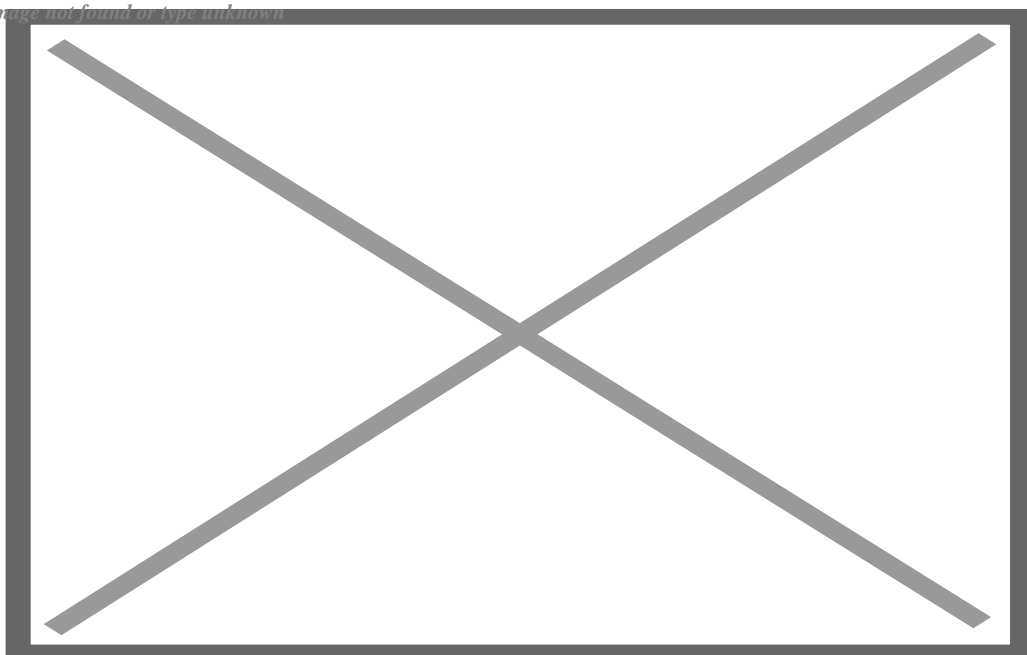


Colombian government and ELN to begin new round of peace talks in Mexico on Monday

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The delegation of ELN negotiators that will be present at the talks is already in the Mexican capital.

the talks. Photo: Edwin Restrepo

Mexico City, February 12 (RHC)-- Delegations from the government of Colombian President Gustavo Petro and the National Liberation Army (ELN) will begin the second round of peace talks in Mexico City on Monday.

The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) indicated in a text that there will be an inauguration ceremony of the Colombian dialogue table headed by the host country's foreign minister, Marcelo Ebrard.

On February 8, Ebrard said that Mexico will guarantee the conditions of security and dialogue so that both parties have the environment to advance in the construction of peace. "Our participation is limited to providing conditions so that there can be a dialogue, to facilitate that they are installed, that they can

dialogue," said the official.

The day before, the delegation of ELN negotiators who will be present at the talks arrived in the Mexican capital. Upon their arrival, the head of the ELN delegation, Pablo Beltrán, said: "we have just arrived in Mexico (...) We hope that the work in this second cycle will be an effective advance and support for the peace aprocess in Colombia."

During this second round of talks, the parties are expected to discuss the participation of society in peace building and a bilateral ceasefire, in addition to analyzing the achievements of the first negotiation cycle held in Caracas, Venezuela.

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