Colombia Votes to Incorporate Peace Deal Into Constitution



Bogota, June 16 (RHC)-- Colombian lawmakers have approved a legally binding measure that will incorporate the peace deal between the government and FARC guerrillas into the country's constitution.

The constitutional act, which was approved 52-16 will now be submitted to the Constitutional Court where it will voted on for final approval.

After the agreement is approved by Congress, the Government will integrate the text into the nation's constitution, and it will be effective the moment it is signed.

The Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebels are getting closer to finalizing peace talks and an agreement to bring an end to over five decades of internal armed conflict after more than three years of negotiations.

The peace talks have already successfully led to partial agreements on agrarian reform, political participation of former rebels, curbing production and trafficking of illicit substances, and the rights of victims and transitional justice.



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