

FARC-EP Announces Significant Progress at Peace Talks



Havana, April 26 (RHC-PL) -- “The Colombian peace process could achieve significant progress by the end of the current round of talks in Havana,” said Andres Paris, a member of the delegation of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP).

The two sides are reportedly working on an agreement to address illegal drug trafficking -- the third issue on the peace agenda between the Colombian government and the country's largest guerrilla group.

In statements to the press at Havana's International Convention Center, venue of the talks, Paris expressed the will of the parties to continue ahead with the peace process, despite those who are against them. In this sense, he expressed concerns about recent statements by Colombian presidential candidates, who attacked the peace process that seeks to end the over 50-year-old internal conflict.

Meanwhile, Jesús Santrich, another member of the FARC-EP delegation, said the discussions about illicit crops like marijuana and coca leaf were about to conclude.

We have achieved significant progress and we have written more than 20 pages, said Santrich, who said the debate focused mainly on drug trafficking.

So far, the parties at the peace talks in Havana have reached agreements regarding agricultural development and political participation, two issues considered fundamental for the country's future.

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