

Colombian Government and FARC Conclude Round of Talks on Victims of the Armed Conflict



Bogotá, July 30 (RHC) -- Negotiators from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP) and the Colombian government, on Tuesday concluded a round of talks on the victims of the armed conflict in the South American nation.

According to official sources, both delegations will meet again on August 4th to advance in the setting up of three commissions that will analyze simultaneously the history of the armed conflict, its causes, and mechanisms towards a peaceful, lasting resolution.

Aimed at seeking some sort of reparations for those affected by the 50-year long armed conflict, as of August 16th., peace negotiators will listen to some proposals from the victims. The proposals will be selected from hundreds of thousands collected in public forums across the country, organized by the UN office in Bogotá and the National University.

Reparation to the victims is one of the thorniest issues in the peace negotiations that the FARC-EP and the Colombian government started in Havana in November 2012.

Thus far, the sides have reached agreements on three out of six major issues contained in the peace agenda: agrarian reform, FARC's political participation and illicit drugs.

The 50-year long armed conflict in Colombia has left nearly 220 thousand people killed and five million others displaced.

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