

# *More Feminine Presence Advocated in Colombia Peace Dialogue*

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Bogotá, February 4 (RHC-PL) -- Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has called on giving women a leading role in the solution of the internal armed conflict, which has lasted more than 50 years.

During a meeting with Nobel Peace Prize winners Jody Williams (1997) and Shirin Ebadi (2003), the president appeared in favor of increasing the feminine presence in the dialogue between governmental spokesmen and the insurgents of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-Army of the People (FARC-EP), that has its head office in Havana.

The head of state emphasized the prominence of the voices of the women in the negotiating process led by both belligerent parts with the target to finish the war.

The participants at the negotiation agreed with the need to debate in the course of the meetings in Cuba, the topic of the sexual violence and other humiliations suffered by representatives of the feminine sex inside the context of the conflagration, reported the newspaper *El Tiempo*, of national circulation.

Previously, Williams and Ebadi took part in the Hay Festival in Cartagena de Indias, in which they knew

details of the conversations between the teams of the Executive and the FARC-EP, resumed on eve in the Cuban capital.

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