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Letter dated 7 February 2024 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter dated 26 December 2023 from Ambassador José Javier De La Gasca, I have the honour to confirm that the members of the Security Council have agreed to carry out a mission to Colombia from 7 to 11 February 2024. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission (see annex).

The mission will be co-led by Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett (Guyana), Ambassador Pascale Baeriswyl (Switzerland) and Ambassador Barbara Woodward (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission will be as follows:

Ambassador Amar Bendjama (Algeria)

Counsellor Niu Xiaoqiang (China)

Ambassador José Javier De La Gasca (Ecuador)

Deputy Permanent Representative Nathalie Broadhurst Estival (France)

Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett (Guyana)

Ambassador Yamazaki Kazuyuki (Japan)

Deputy Permanent Representative Francesca Gatt (Malta)

Ambassador Pedro Comissário Afonso (Mozambique)

Deputy Permanent Representative Sangjin Kim (Republic of Korea)

Ambassador Vassily A. Nebenzia (Russian Federation)

Deputy Permanent Representative Amara Sheikh Mohammed Sowa (Sierra Leone)

Ambassador Samuel Žbogar (Slovenia)

Ambassador Pascale Baeriswyl (Switzerland)

Ambassador Barbara Woodward (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Deputy Permanent Representative Elisabeth Millard (United States of America)



I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Carolyn **Rodrigues-Birkett**
President of the Security Council

Annex to the letter dated 7 February 2024 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Terms of reference of the Security Council mission to Colombia, 7 to 11 February 2024

1. The Security Council will carry out its mission to Colombia within the framework of Security Council resolution [2704 \(2023\)](#).
2. The objectives of the mission are as follows:
 - (a) To demonstrate the full commitment of the Security Council to peace in Colombia, in particular its support for the implementation of the Final Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace, signed in 2016, and the Bilateral, National and Temporary Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN);
 - (b) To observe and support the efforts of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia to implement its mandate, in line with Council resolutions [2366 \(2017\)](#), [2377 \(2017\)](#), [2435 \(2018\)](#), [2487 \(2019\)](#), [2545 \(2020\)](#), [2574 \(2021\)](#), [2603 \(2021\)](#), [2655 \(2022\)](#), [2673 \(2023\)](#), [2694 \(2023\)](#) and [2704 \(2023\)](#);
 - (c) To observe and support the implementation of the aforementioned Agreements, to understand the challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation of the Agreements, and to identify successes, as well as instances where those opportunities could be better harnessed to improve implementation;
 - (d) To acknowledge the national commitment towards the implementation of the Final Agreement between the Government and the former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army and the importance of the dialogues with ELN to the achievement of peace in Colombia; to recognize the challenges of building peace, understand the aspirations and concerns of the parties and other actors and encourage positive cooperation and continued momentum in implementing the Agreements for the benefit of all Colombians; and,
 - (e) To understand the impact of the implementation of the Agreements on the efforts by the Government of Colombia to seek broader peace through dialogue and to understand the potential of those efforts to help forge and maintain sustainable peace.
3. The mission will seek to achieve these objectives through:
 - (a) Engagement with national interlocutors and stakeholders for the peace process, including the Government and other key state institutions for peace implementation, peace signatories, civil society, and the United Nations system;
 - (b) Visiting a representative field location that showcases the role of the Verification Mission on the ground in a conflict-affected area emblematic of progress, and that highlights the challenges of peace consolidation, focusing on the experience of former combatants in their reintegration; and,
 - (c) Visiting an Indigenous community and meeting with local and national Indigenous leaders, enabling discussions focused on the Ethnic Chapter of the Final Agreement.