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1. What's on

Recent developments of the Peace process.

- Dialogues between FARC-EP guerrillas and Colombian Government are now reaching his final stretch, just remaining to conclude the discussion over the sixth and last point of the general Agenda

agreement: "Implementación, verificación y refrendación"
(Implementation, verification and ratification).

- Here, CPRC network present to you the full text and documents in English of the most recent agreements and communiques, achieved in the past three months in crucial topics for the process:
 - **Joint Communique # 69** - May 12th, 2016: Agreement to provide legal security and stability to the Final Agreement and to raise it to the category of Special Agreement under the Geneva Protocols. Read the full text:
<https://www.mesadeconversaciones.com.co/sites/default/files/comunicado-conjunto-69-ingles-1463178755.pdf>
 - **Joint Communique # 70** - May 15th, 2016: Agreement on children recruitment and disengagement - "Agreement regarding the release of minors under 15 years old from the camps of the FARC – EP and a commitment to prepare a road map for the release of all other minors, and a special, comprehensive program for their care". Read the full text: <https://www.mesadeconversaciones.com.co/sites/default/files/comunicado-conjunto-70-version-ingles-1-1463432344.pdf>
 - **Joint Communique # 76** - June 23th, 2016
(<https://www.mesadeconversaciones.com.co/sites/default/files/comunicado-conjunto-76-version-ingles-1467304952.pdf>):
- 4. Agreement on the "Bilateral and Final Ceasefire and the End of the Hostilities and the Laying Down of Arms" - Full text available in Spanish:
https://www.mesadeconversaciones.com.co/sites/default/files/cese_y_dejacion_alta-1467636327.pdf
- 5. Agreement on "Security guarantees and the fight against criminal organizations responsible for homicides and massacres or those who target human rights advocates, social movements or political movements, including the criminal

organizations labeled as successors of paramilitarism and their support networks, and the prosecution of criminal conducts that threaten the implementation of the agreements and the construction of peace”. Full text available in Spanish:

https://www.mesadeconversaciones.com.co/sites/default/files/garantias_de_seguriad_alta-1467636465.pdf .

6. Agreement on “Ratification” - It says: *The Government of Colombia and the FARC – EP, in order to settle the differences that have emerged up to date regarding the aforementioned topic, today, in development of the agenda of the General Agreement for Ending the Conflict, have agreed to embrace -as a convergence formula- the decision to be rendered by the Constitutional Court regarding the scope of Statutory Law No. 156 of 2015, House of Representatives, Law No. 94 of 2015, Senate, in the spirit announced up to date, and to that extent we accept the popular participation mechanism that the Court may determine, and in the terms set forth by that high tribunal.* - At this point is important to say <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM2JlQH4nc0>
 7. Colombia’s constitutional court on Monday approved a plebiscite in which the Colombian people can vote for or against a peace deal with leftist FARC rebels. <http://colombiareports.com/colombias-constitutional-court-approves-plebiscite-peace-talks/>
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2. Publications

Recent articles and papers.

- Dr. Enzo Nussio has shared with us this analysis text, directed to a general audience too:
 - Nussio, Enzo (2016) *Peace and Violence in Colombia*; CSS Analyses in Security Policy, No 191. May 2016. Full text available: <http://www.css.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/pdfs/CSSAnalyse-191-EN.pdf>

 - Dr Annette Idler discusses her research on peace negotiations in Colombia <http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/ke-feature/annette-idler-discusses-her-research-on-peace-negotiations-in-colombia.html>

 - Kristian Herbolzheimer has shared a report he recently published with the Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Center (NOREF):
 - Herbolzheimer, Kristian (2016) Report: *Innovations in the Colombian peace process*; Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Center (NOREF), June 2016. Full text available: <http://www.peacebuilding.no/Regions/Latin-America-and-the-Caribbean/Colombia/Publications2/Innovations-in-the-Colombian-peace-process/> / http://www.peacebuilding.no/var/ezflow_site/storage/original/application/0e5206132095b3f2bdb7c3877690a538.pdf
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