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FARC Tenth Conference begins, support for accords “unanimous”

The FARC tenth conference began this past Saturday September 17th and will continue through the 23rd. Chief FARC negotiator, Luciano Marín Arango (alias “Iván Márquez”), has announced that there is “total support” for the content of the peace accords released on August 24th, and developed between GOC and FARC negotiators in Havana over the past four years. The conference is set in Llanos del Yarí in the municipality of San Vicente del Caguán, Caquetá. Core objectives of the conference include the following: ratify the peace accord, establish both the name and the structure of the political organization that will replace the armed guerrilla one,¹ and if time allows, select the new Secretariat of the political party and develop its emerging strategy.² “Márquez” later stated in interview that the previously vocal dissidents of the First Front will not have a strong influence on the decisions made at the Tenth Conference, and that many of their members have already sought out the transitional zones.³ The signing of the peace accord is scheduled to take place on September 26th, with the plebiscite to follow on October 2nd.

Meeting between GOC and FARC in Llanos del Yarí to plan post-signing operations

A September 16th meeting between the GOC and the FARC in Llanos del Yarí anticipated the start of the Tenth Conference. Leaders ironed out the remaining details of FARC movement to transitional zones and other actions that will commence after the signing of the final set of peace accords. Joint Communiqué #01⁴ announced the final 20 transitional zones and seven transitional normalization points (the latter of which were previously named “camps”). On September 27th, the day following the anticipated signing, two supporting missions and commissions, among others, will formally begin: (1) the United Nations national- and regional-level accompaniment and verification mission, and (2) the Implementation, Tracking, Verification, and Resolution of Differences Commission.

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