

## **PEACE MAIL**

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### **WEEKLY UPDATE: Implementing the Peace Accords**

This callout box includes a weekly update on releases and work specifically related implementing the Final Peace Accord between the Government and the FARC in Colombia.

Colombian Peace Commissioner, Rodrigo Rivera, said that they will make a formal request of the United Nations to **hand over the disabled weapons of the FARC to the Ministry of Culture** so that they can begin work on the three monuments that were stipulated within the content of the Final Accord. The decommissioned arms would remain under the custody of UNIPEP, which is the special unit of the National Police that was protecting the MM&V and the FARC in the transitional zones.<sup>1</sup>

### **Extradition for 21 narcotraffickers who were on the FARC lists**

The Office of the Peace Commissioner responded to reports of known drug traffickers on the FARC list of 14,178 members. The 21 identified individuals will be extradited to the United States; two of these persons had been living in the transitional zones. Additionally, the GoC reported that it had removed Mesías Salgado Aragón from the list of former FARC members; Salgado had escaped his guards in Caquetá several weeks ago and joined the dissident faction. Upon his capture, he will be submitted to ordinary, rather than transitional justice mechanisms.<sup>2</sup> In all, 253 individuals were removed from the lists who have warrants for their arrest, and who will be tried through ordinary justice mechanisms.<sup>3</sup>

### **ELN temporary ceasefire to end January 9<sup>th</sup>**

The ELN temporary ceasefire, which is to begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>, was announced three days before the Pope's arrival earlier this month. While the GoC said that it would extend until January 12<sup>th</sup> of next year, the ELN released a message saying that it would instead end on January 9<sup>th</sup>. During the temporary cessation of hostilities, plans to ensure civil society participation in the peace dialogues in Quito, Ecuador will be put in place. The GoC has stated that the ceasefire will be renewed if all parties conform to the requirements during the three month period.<sup>4</sup>