

# What you need to know about the UN Mission in Colombia



UN Mission in Colombia





**Background:**

*The parties, the Colombian Government and FARC-EP, asked the UN Security Council for a UN Political Mission to verify the ceasefire, cessation of hostilities and the laying down of arms.*

**Result:**

**Resolution 2261, January 2016.** Security Council acknowledges the request and demonstrates full commitment to the peace process.

Unanimous decision: **"To establish a Political Mission that will participate in the process [...] as the international component and coordinator of [...] the tripartite mechanism.**

# UN Mission in Colombia



## Political Mission:

450 unarmed observers, no uniforms --not "blue helmets"--mainly from the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).



## Gender:

47% of UN Mission staff are women. With 29%, the UN Mission in Colombia has the highest percentage of women observers of any mission.



## Headquarters:

UN Mission in Colombia + MVM: national headquarters in Bogotá, 8 regional offices, 26 local MVM sites in 19 zones and 7 points (see map)

## UN Mission mandate:



**Bilateral Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities.** International Component of the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities tripartite Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM): coordinates, settles disputes, makes recommendations and advises.



**Laying down of arms.** In charge of verifying the destruction of unstable armament and receiving weapons from FARC-EP, as requested by the parties.



**Resolve differences.**



Make *recommendations and statements*.



**Dialogue** with communities, civil society and authorities.



## UN Mission = UN in Colombia?

A: **No.**

The UN in Colombia is composed of all *Agencies, Funds and Programmes* that already existed in the country for several decades (UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, UNHCR, etc.).

The UN Mission in Colombia has a specific and temporary 12-month mandate, covering the *bilateral ceasefire and laying down of arms*. It can be renewed, at the parties' request.



## UN Mission = MVM?

A: **No.** (see graph)

The MVM is composed of *members of the Colombian Government, FARC-EP and the UN Mission in Colombia* (which coordinates the mechanism).



## Are all UN Mission staff members part of the MVM?

A: **No.**

The Mission has a total of **450 international observers, men and women, and around 150 civilians to carry out its mandate, as approved by the Security Council.**

# Where we are

We have 3 levels of operation:



**National: 1 Headquarters**  
Bogotá



**Regional: 8 offices**

Valledupar, Bucaramanga, Florencia,  
Medellín, Popayán, Villavicencio,  
Quibdó, San José del Guaviare



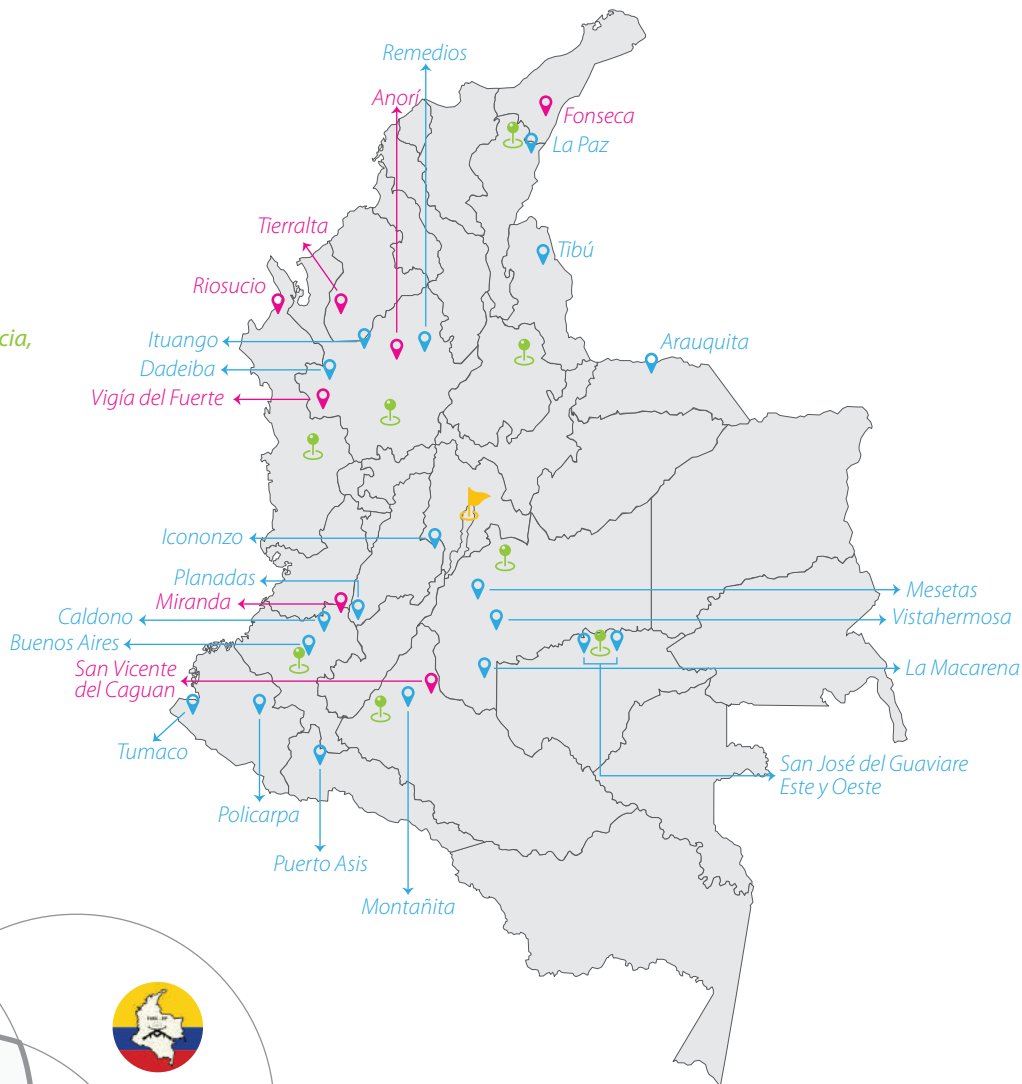
**Zones and Points:**

**19 Zones**

A zone contains several camps

**7 Points**

A Point is smaller than a Zone  
and consists of a single camp



# How we work

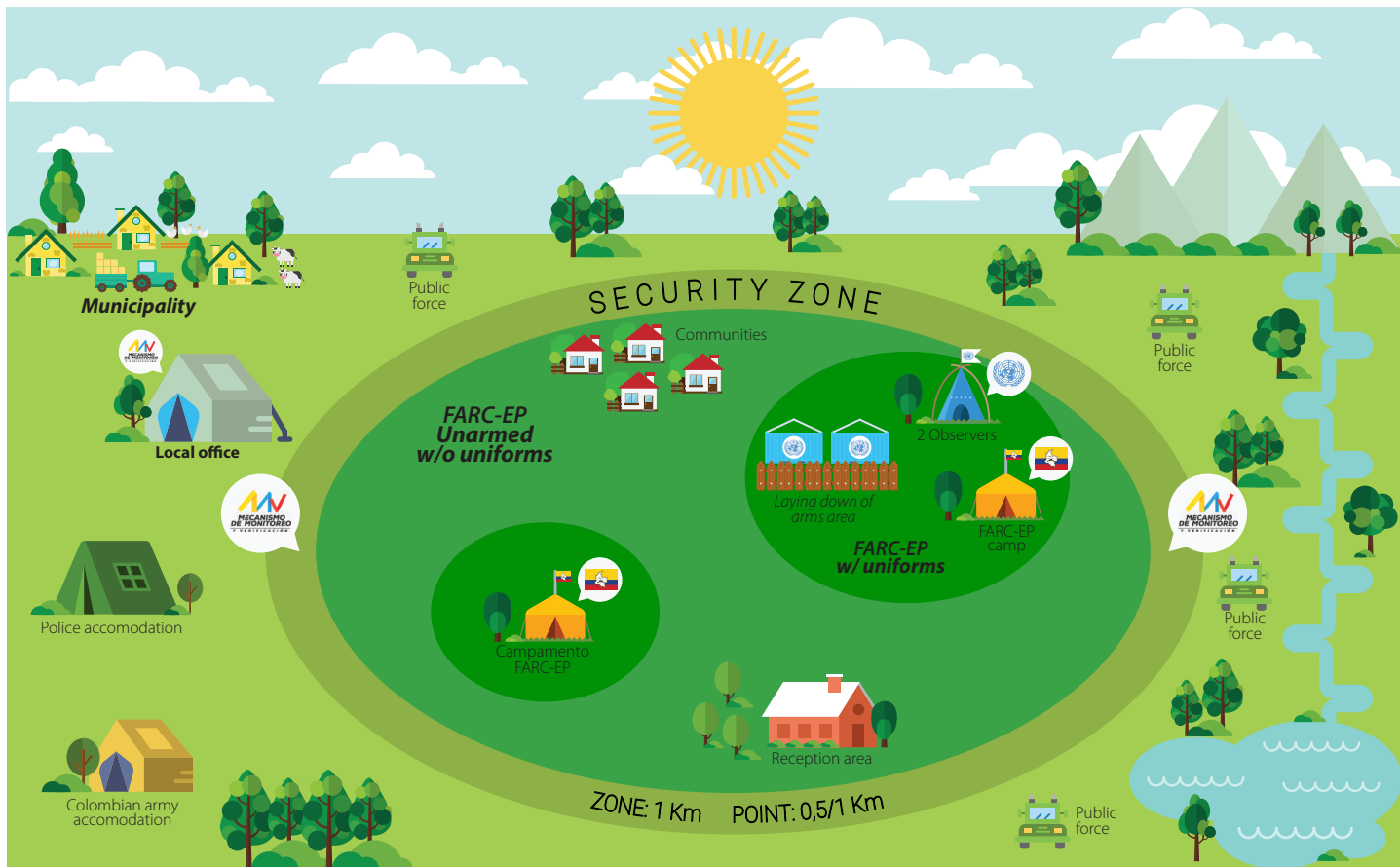


The UN Mission in Colombia verifies the parties' commitments to the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities --coordinating the tripartite Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM) with the Government and FARC-EP-- and the laying down of arms. **The Mechanism is the intersection of the three parties**; not all of the Mission's staff members are part of the MVM.



# Zones and Points

*Understand how the Zones function and where the laying down of arms will take place, with a local site of the tripartite Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (MVM), FARC-EP camp, and laying down of arms site with the UN Mission's role:*





UN Mission in Colombia

Phone: +57 (314) 359-0005  
[colombia.unmissions.org](http://colombia.unmissions.org)



[@MisionONUCol](https://twitter.com/MisionONUCol)



[@MisionONUCol](https://www.facebook.com/MisionONUCol)



[Misi3nONUColombia](https://www.youtube.com/Misi3nONUColombia)



[flickr.com/MisionONUCol](https://www.flickr.com/MisionONUCol)