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Identical letters dated 17 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the communication dated 17 October 2022, signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Álvaro Leyva Durán, regarding the extension of, and addition to, the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (see annex).

(Signed) Leonor **Zalabata Torres**
Ambassador, Permanent Representative



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[Original: Spanish]

New York, 17 October 2022

I have the honour to write to you in reference to the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, approved by Security Council resolution [2366 \(2017\)](#) of 10 July 2017 and extended by resolution [2574 \(2021\)](#) of 11 May 2021.

The focus of the mandate currently is on the verification of sections 3.2, 3.4 and 5.1.2 of the Final Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace. These sections concern the economic, social and political reintegration of former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC); guarantees of the personal and collective safety of former combatants and their families and protection for communities and organizations in the territories; and verification of compliance with and implementation of the sentences issued by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace to individuals whom it determines have acknowledged detailed and complete truth and responsibility before the Judicial Panel for Acknowledgement of Truth, Responsibility and Determination of Facts and Conduct, as per the sentencing framework established under section 5.1.2 of the Final Agreement.

In addition to the sections mentioned above, and in the light of the safeguards that it hopes to obtain with the activity of the United Nations Verification Mission in the country, the Government of Colombia would appreciate it if the Mission could monitor the implementation of section 1 of the Agreement, entitled “Towards a new Colombian countryside: comprehensive rural reform”, and section 6.2, entitled “Ethnic perspectives”, in recognition of the structural relevance of these sections for resolving the conflict and building stable and lasting peace in Colombia.

On behalf of the Republic of Colombia, I welcome the support of the United Nations for the implementation of the commitments contained in the Final Agreement and hereby request the extension of the mandate of the Verification Mission for one more year, with the referenced expansion, a request that has been agreed to by the parties.

I also welcome the support of the United Nations for the other efforts made by the Government of Colombia to achieve total peace. As it takes the relevant steps toward implementing the initiatives contained in this policy, it may require additional assistance from the Verification Mission, in which case we would submit a request to the Security Council.

(Signed) **Álvaro Leyva Durán**
Minister for Foreign Affairs