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## Resolution 2704 (2023)

### Adopted by the Security Council at its 9461<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 30 October 2023

*The Security Council,*

*Reaffirming* its full commitment to the peace process in the Republic of Colombia,

*Recalling* all its resolutions and Presidential and press statements regarding the peace process in Colombia,

*Welcoming* the progress made towards peace across Colombia since the adoption of the Final Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace (the Final Agreement), *urging* the parties, with the support of relevant state institutions and security forces, as well as civil society including youth, to work together to continue building upon this progress and address ongoing challenges, in particular the continued violence in conflict-affected areas, through comprehensive implementation of the Final Agreement, including rural reform, inclusive political participation, its ethnic and gender provisions, and countering illicit drugs including through crop substitution programmes, and *recalling* the disproportionate impact of the conflict on women and its effects on persons belonging to indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities,

*Taking note* of the engagement of the Peacebuilding Commission with the Government of Colombia and looking forward to further cooperation, including with the relevant UN agencies, in order to ensure an integrated and coherent approach to the comprehensive implementation of the Final Agreement,

*Recalling* in particular its resolution 2366 (2017) which established the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia (the Verification Mission) to verify implementation by the Government of Colombia and Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC-EP) of sections 3.2 and 3.4 of the Final Agreement as called for in section 6.3.3 of the Final Agreement, and recalling the positive role played by the Verification Mission in that regard, *emphasising* the efforts of the UN Verification Mission in Colombia to continue to integrate a gender perspective as a cross-cutting issue into its planning, verification and reporting, and *recognising* the importance of other perspectives including development, and *ensuring* adequate gender expertise as appropriate,

*Recalling* also its resolution 2574 (2021) which expanded the mandate of the Verification Mission to include the additional task of verifying compliance with and implementation of the sentences to be issued by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace

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(SJP), and welcoming the ongoing preparations being made by the Verification Mission, working with the SJP, in this regard,

*Noting* that, under the terms of the Final Agreement, the sentences of the SJP will have the overall aim of realising the rights of victims and consolidating peace, and will need to have the greatest restorative and reparative function in relation to the harm caused,

*Recognising* the contribution the Verification Mission could make to building confidence in the Comprehensive System for Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repetition established under the Final Agreement, which is integral to the success of the peace process and the fulfilment of the rights of the victims of the conflict,

*Recalling* its resolution 2673 (2023) which expanded the mandate of the Verification Mission to include the additional task of monitoring the implementation of section 1 on comprehensive rural reform and section 6.2 on the Ethnic Chapter of the Final Agreement,

*Recalling* also its resolution 2694 (2023) which expanded the mandate of the Verification Mission to monitor and verify the implementation of the ceasefire as outlined in the Second Cuba Agreement between the Government of Colombia and the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN); and *expressing* its willingness consider mandating the Verification Mission to monitor and verify the implementation of a ceasefire agreement between the Government of Colombia and the armed group that calls itself Estado Mayor Central (EMC) when the Secretary-General confirms a ceasefire including appropriate verification protocols has been reached, and *taking into account* an update from the Secretary-General on the progress of implementation of resolution 2694 (2023),

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Verification Mission until 31 October 2024;
2. *Expresses* its willingness to work with the Government of Colombia on the further extension of the mandate of the Verification Mission on the basis of agreement between the parties.