

STATEMENT FROM CUBA AND NORWAY – GUARANTOR COUNTRIES AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA AND THE FARC-EP

Cuba and Norway, guarantor countries at the negotiating table between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – Peoples' Army (FARC-EP), announce to the public that, as a result of consultations made in the last few days, with the participation of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Cuba and Norway, an agreement has been reached to overcome recent difficulties and normalise the conversations between the parties at the table in Havana.

The parties will continue to comply with the commitments made with regard to de-escalation measures and confidence-building.

The guarantors welcome the firm commitment of the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP to continue to make progress so as to reach a final agreement as soon as possible.

Cuba and Norway thank the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP for the confidence they have shown in the guarantors and for the constructive spirit in which both parties have contributed towards the positive results that we announce today.

Cuba and Norway reaffirm their commitment to continue to contribute to the progress of the talks and to the achievement, in the shortest possible time, of a final agreement to end the conflict and build lasting and stable peace in Colombia.

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