

Peacebuilding Commission
Ambassadorial-level meeting on Colombia
15 November 2021

1. On 15 November, the Vice-Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), H.E. Mr. Michal Mlynár, convened a virtual ambassadorial-level meeting on Colombia to review progress of and challenges to implementation of Colombia's Final Agreement for Ending the Conflict and Building a Stable and Lasting Peace (Final Agreement), and to identify areas in need of further support through the 2022 transition period to the next administration and congress.
2. In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chair recalled that this month Colombia is celebrating the fifth-year anniversary of the signing of the Final Agreement, commending the significant progress and reintegration efforts. He welcomed the recent report of the UN Verification

sentences and the Restorative Tasks to be established by the Special Jurisdiction

They recognized the work of the UN Verification Mission, UNCT and PBF (\$34.3 million investments), commending their collaboration with each other and the Government.

They noted the importance of adequate, flexible, and sustained financing and drew attention to the General Assembly high-level meeting on financing taking place in 2022, noting the important contributions of the PBF and the MPTF. The financing of local peacebuilding initiatives is essential as well as the involvement of the private sector.

They committed to continue supporting the efforts of the Colombian Government in the implementation of the Final Agreement and to ensure that the gains made during the last five years are irreversible, particularly as the electoral period approaches in 2022.

10. In his closing remarks, the Vice-Chair of the PBC thanked the briefers and the Member States for their interventions, highlighting the usefulness of hearing from both the UN Verification Mission and UNCT. He congratulated Colombia on its achievements during the last five years while also emphasizing the importance of all stakeholders staying involved. The ownership is with the Colombians, but the international community has a role to play in supporting the country's peace, reconciliation, and development ef21.7681s