

THE TRUTH COMMISSION OF COLOMBIA: AN UNPRECEDENTED PROCESS

In 2016, the Colombian national government and the FARC-EP signed a peace agreement that gave rise to the Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition, which began its work in November 2018.

For the first time, a Truth Commission has included the population living abroad as a subject of attention and participation.

Since 2019, ICIP has acted as the Technical Secretariat of the Commission to facilitate the work with victims of the Colombian conflict in Europe.

Focus



Boys and girls



Youth



The elderly



People with disabilities



Gender



Ethnic



Psychosocial

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Objectives

- 1 Clarification in order to **understand the armed conflict**.
- 2 **Recognition of the victims as political subjects**, of the responsibilities of those who participated in the violation of rights, and on behalf of Colombian society.
- 3 Promotion of **coexistence, peaceful conflict transformation** and **tolerance**.

To contribute to the creation of structural conditions for coexistence and to forge the foundations for non-repetition, reconciliation and a stable and lasting peace.

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WORK METHODOLOGY

→ FOCUS ON VICTIMS

The victims have been at the heart of the process, becoming in itself an act of recognition towards them and a means for the healing and closing of wounds brought about by the conflict.

→ ACTIVE LISTENING

This is the greatest contribution that the Commission has made to the victims. It is a key element in their dignification.

→ IMPORTANCE OF THE PROCESS

It must be understood as an objective in itself. Generating an integrated, solid and active process with the victims has been essential for the objectives of the Commission.

→ PARTICIPATION

Creation of various spaces and dynamics to actively participate in all phases of the process and thus contribute to the work of the Commission from Europe.

→ GENERATION OF TRUST

It has been constant and cross-cutting, and has taken place at different levels: with the Commission, ICIP, all the actors involved and with the process itself.

→ VOLUNTEERING

The established goals have been achieved thanks to the volunteer work of hundreds of people with a commitment and dedication that has been vital throughout the process.

→ PSYCHOSOCIAL APPROACH

It has included exercises with alternative methodologies using art. It has made it possible to connect with people from their emotions in order to contribute to their individual and collective healing processes and to generate bonds of trust and commitment.

→ ALLIANCES

The interaction and collaboration between victims' associations, academia, and civil society human rights and peace organizations has been essential for the support of the Commission at the local level.

→ DIVERSITY

A variety of activities derived from the mandate of the Commission resulting in numerous materials (graphic novel, video clip, photo exhibit, collective song, etc.).



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MOMENTS OF THE PROCESS

A COMMISSION TO INSPIRE AND CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER PROCESSES OF TRUTH, MEMORY AND NON-REPETITION AROUND THE WORLD

2018

- Exploratory visits
- Planning sessions
- Beginning of the Commission's mandate

2019

- Interviewer training
- Creation of nodes
- Dissemination and public awareness actions

2020

- Meeting of nodes
- Creation of internodal groups
- Meeting for Truth
- Actions of recognition

2021

- Process of systematizing the experience
- Setting the stage for the final report

2022

- Delivery of the report
- End of the Commission's mandate



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15 NODES IN 10 COUNTRIES

The nodes are:

- **Spaces for the convergence of experiences of memory and truth preceding the Commission**
- **Diverse and inclusive**
- **Generators of trust and security for victims**
- **Participatory meeting places**
- **Facilitators of coexistence and dialogue between people of different backgrounds**



Internodal groups:

Coordinating spaces throughout Europe that deal with specific thematic issues

- **Gender**
- **Psychosocial support**
- **Recognition of victims**
- **Relatives of victims of enforced disappearance**
- **Second and third generations in exile**



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TESTIMONIES: TREASURES OF COLLECTIVE TRUTH

90 people
trained as
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and recorders
most of them victims and women

Over
800
testimonies in Europe

Over
2.000
worldwide

to bring to light
life stories, silences, impacts,
confrontations, resilience and
contributions to the host society

Transformative listening and victim self-recognition



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