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SUPPORT TO THE PEACE PROCESS IN COLOMBIA

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the principles and values established in the Charter of the Organization of American States and in the Inter-American Democratic Charter and its own role in accordance with these instruments;

CONSIDERING the need for the international community to keep track of efforts to achieve peace in Colombia, especially the positive work being done by the United Nations and the Organization of American States and the need to maintain an environment that is conducive to cooperation with the international community;

EMPHASIZING the importance of the principles of truth, justice, accountability, and reparation to victims in laying the foundations for lasting peace in Colombia;

HAVING HEARD the oral report of the Secretary General about the Agreement between the Government of Colombia and the General Secretariat of the OAS for Monitoring of the Peace Process in Colombia, in which he emphasized, among other things, the request by President Álvaro Uribe Vélez that the Organization of American States provide support to Colombia regarding verification and advice in the demobilization and reintegration process;

BEARING IN MIND the information presented by the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Colombia on the status of peace initiatives in that country and the importance of the cooperation and support of the Organization of American States in those efforts;

RECALLING that in the Declaration of the Special Conference on Security on the Situation in Colombia the member states of the OAS called upon the international community to support a prompt start to negotiations and the demobilization, reconciliation, disarmament, and reintegration programs needed to achieve, in a just and transparent manner, the reincorporation into civilian life of all illegal armed groups;

EMPHASIZING that in the same Declaration the member states of the OAS expressed their full support for the actions of President Álvaro Uribe Vélez aimed at restoring the security, tranquility, and welfare of the Colombian people within the framework of the rule of law and the effective exercise of human rights and international humanitarian law; recognized the progress achieved to date; and supported the Colombian Government in

its quest for negotiated peaceful solutions to overcome internal conflict, following a cessation of hostilities;

EMPHASIZING the need for close cooperation between the OAS and the United Nations in order to provide effective support for efforts to achieve peace in Colombia; and

TAKING NOTE OF the Agreement between the Government of Colombia and the General Secretariat of the OAS on Monitoring of the Peace Process in Colombia as a framework to enable the OAS to provide technical support to the verification of the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, demobilization, disarmament, and reintegration initiatives, which constitutes an important support of the Organization of American States to the peace initiatives and reconciliation among Colombians,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the contents of Resolution CP/RES. 837 (1354/03) of the Permanent Council, especially its unequivocal support for the efforts of the Government of President Álvaro Uribe Vélez to find a firm and lasting peace in that country, and to express the willingness of the Organization of American States to monitor those efforts.
2. To authorize the establishment of a Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP/OEA), in strict observance of the principles of sovereignty and independence of states, nonintervention, and territorial integrity.
3. To ensure that the role of the OAS is fully consistent with the obligations of its member states with respect to the effective exercise of human rights and international humanitarian law, and to invite the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to provide advice to the Mission.
4. To request the Secretary General to provide to the Permanent Council a budget estimate for the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP/OEA), which shall be financed on the basis on voluntary contributions.
5. To establish that the operation of the MAPP/OEA shall be subject to periodic review of its mandates and activities by the Permanent Council, taking into consideration ongoing developments in the peace processes in Colombia.
6. To instruct the Secretary General to provide quarterly reports to the Permanent Council on the work of the MAPP/OEA and its continued ability to contribute, through its work in Colombia, to the fulfillment of the values and principles contained in the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Democratic Charter.
7. To request the Secretary General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth regular session on the efforts of the MAPP/OEA.