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NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES, HAVANA

Humberto de la Calle and other members of the Negotiating Committee of the Government of Colombia

Iván Márquez and other members of the Negotiating Committee of the FARC-EP

Dear Members of the Negotiating Table,

We, the undersigned elected representatives, write to express our support for the Colombian peace process currently taking place in Havana, Cuba.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia for having entered into negotiations and initiating a process that we hope reaches a successful conclusion of peace with social justice leading to the end of Colombia's almost 50 year armed conflict. We congratulate both sides on the historic agreements made so far and recognise the commitment of both sides to staying at the negotiating table and encourage you to stay there until a final agreement has been made.

It is our firm belief that the only route to bring an effective and long-lasting peace to Colombia is through dialogue and compromise and we urge both parties to continue in this momentous endeavour regardless of the future difficulties that may arise.

We encourage you to consider the possibility of a ceasefire and to take the necessary measures to minimise the humanitarian cost of the conflict and guarantee the safety of civil society. We applaud the efforts made to include the views of civil society and we hope that this participation will be deepened and extended as the process continues. As politicians, some of whom have been involved in other peace processes, we are firmly committed to supporting the peace talks.

We will continue to increase awareness of the talks, and offer our experiences, to emphasise the extremely positive achievements that have been made so far by both sides, to ensure the international community puts its full weight behind the peace process.

Yours sincerely,

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