

Press release: UN Security Council agrees UK-led resolution on Colombia

The United Nations Security Council has unanimously adopted a resolution giving the mandate for a second UN mission to support the peace process in Colombia. The UK played a leading role in negotiating the resolution.

Sir Alan Duncan, Minister for Europe and the Americas, said:

I welcome the adoption of the new UN Security Council resolution, approving the continued presence of a UN Special Political Mission in Colombia.

The UK has played a privileged role leading negotiations toward agreement of this resolution, which will ensure continued UN support to Colombia's peace process. In its second phase, the UN mission will play a vital role in monitoring the transition of the new People's Alternative Revolutionary Forces (FARC) to civilian life.

This Mission will also help to monitor a crucial, temporary ceasefire between the Government and the National Liberation Army (ELN) announced by President Santos on 4 September.

The UK remains resolute in its support to peace and security in Colombia, and for efforts that ensure the safety of all Colombian citizens.