



The Permanent Mission of the Republic of
Kenya to the United Nations – New York
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EXPLANATION OF VOTE

ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION RENEWING THE MANDATE FOR THE UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN COLOMBIA

AMBASSADOR MARTIN KIMANI , PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022 (10.00AM)

Mr. President,

Kenya thanks Mexico and the United Kingdom for their consultative effort in drafting the resolution that has just been adopted.

Kenya voted for the Resolution to demonstrate its support for Colombia in its praiseworthy journey to achieve lasting peace after decades of war.

Kenya commends President Gustavo Petro's administration for its stated determination to accelerate the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement. We further commend President Petro for his forthright acknowledgement of the disproportionate impact of violence and marginalisation on Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities and his policy orientation to addressing these challenges.

We support the renewal of the UN Verification Mission's mandate and regard it as a key support to the people and government of Colombia.

Mr President,

We recognise the important role that the Peace Building Commission and UN agencies and programmes play in supporting the government's comprehensive implementation of the Final Peace Agreement. We thank Council Members for supporting the A3's language which recognises the role of these agencies in the implementation of the Agreement.

Kenya supports the request by the Government of Colombia for the expanded mandate of the Verification Mission to verify and monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Rural Reforms and Ethnic Chapter.

We also thank Security Council members who have recognised that just and fair inclusion, particularly of the most vulnerable and most excluded, is a key determinant of successful peacebuilding and State competence. This was a key argument that we advanced during our Presidency of the Council in October last year. We hope that it will form a greater part of your future deliberations and decisions.

Our repeated expressions of concern about the status of Afro-Colombians reflected a conviction that Colombia has the largeness of spirit to respond positively. We were right as the results of this last election so clearly demonstrate.

As we end our term on the Security Council, we leave confident that Colombia's peace process and its dividend to all Colombians will set an example for the rest of the world. We reiterate our strong support for the people and government for Colombia.

Thank you