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**Question for written answer E-003031/25
to the Commission
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Subject: EU support for peace implementation and conflict resolution in Colombia (2024-2027)

In recent years, the fragmentation and expansion of at least 10 illegal armed groups in Colombia — now reportedly controlling 73% of the national territory — have seriously hindered the implementation of the peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — People's Army (FARC-EP). According to the International Office for Human Rights — Action on Colombia (Oidhaco) and *Coordinación Colombia Europa Estados Unidos* (CCEEU), the ombudsman's office has identified 11 critical humanitarian emergency hotspots. The Gulf Clan, a paramilitary successor group, is said to be the one that has expanded the most. A potential failure of the peace process could have severe consequences at both national and regional levels.

1. Could the Commission provide a detailed breakdown of the financial support provided by the EU in 2024, as well as the forecasts for 2025-2027, specifically directed towards implementing the peace agreement and sustaining the ongoing dialogue processes?
2. How does the Commission ensure that this financial support is accompanied by a strong political commitment to a negotiated solution to the armed conflicts — one that also includes the participation of civil society and local governments, and is grounded in democratic principles and respect for humanitarian law?

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**Answer given by Mr Síkela on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU supports Colombia's peace process combining development, foreign policy, and humanitarian aid. Efforts focused on sustainability, gender equality, institutional strengthening, land reform, ex-combatant reintegration, youth, protection of human rights defenders and social leaders ⁽¹⁾.

In 2024, EUR 3.5 million were directed towards implementing the peace agreement and sustaining the dialogue processes through trust fund payments.

The EU also enhanced access to justice through the Special Jurisdiction for Peace and backed government peace initiatives with a EUR 2.5 million Foreign Policy Instruments project.

Of the EUR 31 million allocated under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe 2025-2027 ⁽²⁾, at least 30% intends to support Global Gateway initiatives aimed at reducing social and territorial inequalities to foster peace.

The EU and its Member States back Colombia's peace process by supporting the 2016 Peace Agreement and the government's Total Peace agenda, including urban peace initiatives and dialogue with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-dissident Estado Mayor.

The EU fosters conflict resolution by promoting reform dialogues, coordinating humanitarian action, and supporting inclusive civil society initiatives while providing expertise on humanitarian law and transitional justice, in line with democratic principles.

⁽¹⁾ Detailed reports of the results of the EU Trust Fund for Peace are available at: <https://www.fondoeuropeoparalapaz.eu/en/>.

⁽²⁾ Decision: https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/document/download/2e2834f5-5ab9-4f07-a5f7-e7b32d6b6480_en?filename=ad-mip-2024-c2024-7502-americas-caribbean-annex_en.pdf.