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The EU and Colombia are like-minded partners in their strong commitment to the rule of law, democracy, and the protection of human rights. While noting the resilience of Colombia's democratic institutions, the EU is concerned by the persistent violence, threats and intimidation against those engaged in human rights and peacebuilding activities.

The protection of human rights defenders and other persons at risk remains a priority in the EU's engagement with Colombia and features prominently in the bilateral political dialogue, including the EU-Colombia Human Rights Dialogue. Through its cooperation programmes, the EU continues to promote the implementation of protection measures, accountability for threats and attacks, and the strengthening of institutions responsible for safeguarding fundamental rights. EU-funded projects have targeted child recruitment by armed groups in Guaviare, Cauca, Valle del Cauca and Chocó; strengthening protection mechanisms and enhancing victims' engagement with the *Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz*.

The EU recognises the importance of the 2016 Final Peace Agreement as a framework for addressing the root causes of conflict. Beyond its support to the Agreement, the EU remains committed to advancing peace efforts and actions that promote the well-being of Colombians, while recognising that violence continues to affect several regions and vulnerable communities. Peacebuilding and security cooperation therefore remains, and will continue to be, a central priority of the EU's engagement in Colombia.

The EU stands ready to reinforce its political dialogue with the Colombian authorities and is currently preparing several high-level engagements with members of the new government.