

# Peace processes, transitional justice and the rights of refugees: the Colombian experience

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*Speakers:*

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**Mr. Carlos Andrés Pérez Berrío, former mayor of Chigorodó, Antioquia, exiled since 1994**

**Monsignor Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria, delegate of the Episcopal Conference of Colombia for Church-State relations**



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Following decades of conflict, displacement and suffering, Colombia signed a historical peace agreement with the FARC-EP guerrilla in 2016. The Truth Commission, created under the agreement, recently delivered its report after more than three years of work. An entire chapter is dedicated to the issue of exile and revindicates the right of refugees to be recognized as victims of the conflict, and to access justice and reparations as do citizens residing in Colombia. It calls those in exile to participate in peace and reconciliation processes; for conditions to be in place for their dignified return; and the prevention of events that caused their exile. This side event will provide an opportunity to shed light on the achievements of the transitional justice system in Colombia as well as the challenges faced in the practical implementation of the recommendations.

**Wednesday, 12 October 2022, 13:30-14:45**  
**Palais des Nations, Room XXV**

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event.

Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be available.

