

## **SPECIAL DECLARATION ON THE PEACE PROCESS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA AND THE FARC**

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, meeting in Costa Rica on 28 and 29 January 2015 for the Third Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC),

Express their steadfast support for the peace process in Colombia and welcome the agreements reached by the Government of President Juan Manuel Santos and the FARC during the talks in Havana.

These agreements on issues that are essential for peacebuilding, resulting in transformations for Colombia, are also bases for peace on the continent.

Nothing could be more important than the definitive end to the longest conflict of the Americas. For this reason, they urge the parties to reach a final agreement as soon as possible so that all efforts can be devoted to the main task: peacebuilding.

They also hope that talks between the Government of Colombia and the ELN will begin as soon as possible, so as not to miss this historic opportunity to end the conflict and achieve a stable and lasting peace in Colombia.

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