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To End A War

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring:

Rodrigo Rivera



Rodrigo Rivera Salazar is the High Commissioner for Peace (Colombia). Beginning his political career in Colombia, he was a member of the House of Representatives and a Senator for eight years respectively. A former Minister of Defense (2010-11), he has also served concurrently as the Colombian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy Luxembourg and as Head of Mission to the European Union (2011-17). Ambassador Rivera is the author of two books: *Towards a New Federalism for Colombia* (2001) and *Colombia Fragmented* (2003).

Peter Van De Velde



Peter Van De Velde is the Director of the Americas Division within the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs of Belgium. He has previously been Spokesperson of the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU, Deputy Security Policy Director, and Head of Unit for Trade Policy. He worked for the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels and also had postings in Lisbon, New York and Kinshasa for the Belgian diplomatic service.

Rory Keane



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Deborah Seward



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UN MISSION IN COLOMBIA

The Secretary-General welcomed the joint communiqué issued by the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP, on 19 January 2016, announcing their decision to ask the Security Council to establish a political mission composed of unarmed international observers. The Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 2261, on 25 January 2016, to establish a political mission of unarmed international observers to monitor and verify the laying down of arms, and be part of the tripartite mechanism that will monitor and verify the definitive bilateral ceasefire and cessation of hostilities, following the signing of a peace agreement.

The rapid and unanimous approval by the Security Council of Colombia’s request for support demonstrates the United Nations’ determination to help the peace process succeed.



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