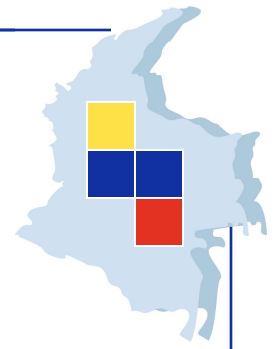


Human Rights in Colombia's National Development Plan

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For the first time in Colombia's history, human rights issues have been specifically addressed in the administration's National Development Plan.



The National Development Plan is a long-established government effort to ensure the advancement of Colombia and its citizens. New administrations propose specific goals in accordance with their vision for the country.

Released on February 4, 2011 the Santos Administration's National Development Plan 2010-2014 makes safeguarding human rights a national goal. The plan, "Prosperity for All," focuses on social progress through security consolidation, sustained economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction.

The plan includes three policy initiatives aimed at promoting and protecting human rights: **1)** the development of a Comprehensive Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Policy; **2)** the creation of a National Human Rights and IHL system; and **3)** reparation for victims of Human Rights and IHL violations, including land restitution and strengthening of institutions to ensure the protection of rights.

At the same time, Colombia will continue its international commitments and obligations in human rights and IHL.

Three Policy Initiatives Included in National Development Plan

1) The government will create a National Human Rights and IHL system, which will be composed of relevant national, state and municipal institutions. This system will contribute to the design and development of public policies focused on human rights. The Intersectorial Commission on Human Rights and IHL, led by the Vice President, will coordinate the system.

2) The Comprehensive Human Rights and IHL Policy will include a National Action Plan for Human Rights and IHL, prevention measures, policies to educate the population in human rights and provisions to protect at-risk populations. In addition, the Ministry of Defense's Human Rights and IHL Policy will be integrated into the national Comprehensive Human Rights and IHL Policy. The fight against impunity at the national and municipal levels will be consolidated, and the government will take steps to eliminate discriminatory practices.

3) Reparation will include individual and collective property restitution, compensation, rehabilitation, and guarantees that violations of human rights and IHL will not recur. Coordination between government institutions, civil society and the private sector will help ensure effective and efficient reconciliation. Colombian Vice President Angelino Garzón will coordinate the National Comprehensive Care for Victims System. It includes the National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation, the Attorney General's Office on Justice and Peace and regional commissions for restitution of property, among others entities which will be strengthened.