

in an optimum manner in order to foster the protection and welfare of the victims.

- 7 TERRITORIAL DIVISION FOR STRATEGIC COVERAGE:**
We are developing a working map which will distribute the tasks by nodes in each country or by nodes that include several countries in the following regions:

- › North American Region
- › Central American Region
- › Andean Region
- › South American Region
- › European Region

- 8 THE TRUTH COMMISSION'S TEAM IN COLOMBIA:**
- › Defines the guidelines for the work abroad.
 - › Harmonizes, articulates and monitors the strategies carried out in each country or region.
 - › Defines protocols, work plans and activity guidelines.
 - › Consolidates communication channels and the procedures for the approval of decisions during the development of the implementation.
 - › Articulates and coordinates with the Comprehensive System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and not Repetition and Victim's Unit.

- 9** The analysis of the totality of the cases, in the totality of countries, will allow to identify the patterns of victimization, the explanations of the violence suffered, the collective responsibilities, and measures that must be taken towards non-repetition.

- 10** For more information in the Truth Commission, visit
"21 KEYS TO LEARN ABOUT THE TRUTH COMMISSION":
<https://comisiondelaverdad.co/images/zoo/publicaciones/archivos/21-keys-comision-verdad-english-version.pdf>

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THE TRUTH COMMISSION'S INTERNATIONAL MACROTERRITORY DECALOGUE - VICTIMS ABROAD AND IN EXILE

The Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition (Truth Commission), presents the following key points regarding its work with victims abroad and in exile, to answer some of the most common questions from the Colombians abroad:

- 1** Participating in the Truth Commission does not mean waiving refugee status. Participating in the commission's activities or providing testimonies does not imply that security guarantees in Colombia are restored and that the need for international protection is in question.
- 2** The Truth Commission maintains the confidentiality of its sources and identities will not be revealed, unless expressly requested by the person.
- 3** The Truth Commission is an independent and autonomous body, it does not depend on the Colombian Government, although it has a public nature.
- 4** The Commission will work in several countries through nodes or networks, where individuals, as well as organizations or institutions working with Colombian victims and exiled population can participate.
- 5** Victims may participate in different ways: **a)** providing their testimony and information about their cases, **b)** participating

- 6 The Commission is not only for one type of victim, but rather for all victims of the FARC, other guerrillas, paramilitary groups or victims of State agents or institutions.
- 7 The Commission will also collect testimonies from those responsible and/or witnesses who have relevant information about violations of human rights or international humanitarian law, which will remain confidential.
- 8 If victims have given their statement to the Victim's Unit or other institutions, they can provide that information as part of the testimony and it can be broadened with the Truth Commission.
- 9 The testimonies will be taken by people who have a confidentiality mandate and the victim's trust, always under the supervision of the Commission.
- 10 The information collected is subject to informatics security procedures and will be available only to the Commission. No other public or private institution will have access to it. When the work of the Commission is done, its information and files will be guarded under confidentiality protocols and accessed only with the consent of the victims, witnesses or declarants.

1 PARTICIPATION: We aspire to have a full, plural, broad and diverse participation. There will be different ways in which groups and people in exile can participate. The work ahead will require specific individual and collective commitments, as well as significant coordination efforts done with the best possible attitude. We must understand that times are short so we need to be flexible, since it will be impossible to listen to every single person.

3 In order to reach **INDIVIDUAL VICTIMS** who do not belong to specific associations it is key to contact the organizations that process asylum claims (their databases and / or talk to professionals such as lawyers or psychologists who accompany them) and people who have spent long periods of time in exile. We are interested in contacting the most conciliatory of them, since they tend to connect better with individual victims who avoid associations. ***The circles of trust are our greatest strength.***

5 Possible **METHODOLOGIES:** Taking testimonies, training and organization workshops that generate collective and individual information, *Truth Gatherings*, public outreach and awareness actions, and international advocacy.

6 Teams in each country will **ORGANIZE** themselves to support the mission of the Truth Commission. The goal is to focus efforts on the objectives (who collects what kind of information, how and when), and to coordinate the territorial coverage