SPECIAL DECLARATION 15: support to the Peace Process in Colombia.

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Quito, Ecuador, on occasion of the 4th Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), on January 27th, 2016:

Welcome the recent announcements made by the Government of the Republic of Colombia and the FARC-EP, in which they reiterate their commitment to the negotiations to reach a Peace Agreement to end the conflict and to build a stable and lasting peace, including the definitive bilateral ceasefire and the cessation of hostilities and the laying down of arms;


Take note, likewise, of the request of the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP that the observers of the UN Political Mission should come from member countries of CELAC;

Express their good will to accept the member countries of CELAC to contribute to the aforementioned UN Political Mission;

The definitive end of the conflict in Colombia will benefit the whole region and reaffirm the objectives embraced by the Heads of State and Government of CELAC in the Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Zone of Peace, adopted in Havana, Cuba, on January 28th and 29th, 2014.

Quito, January 27th, 2016.