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### WOMEN AND THE COLOMBIA PEACE ACCORD

#### INTRO

Women played a central role in Colombia's recent peace accord. In a historic first for the country, women's rights were placed at the heart of the agreement.

#### VIDEO

#### AUDIO

(MUSIC)

#### NARRATION

ARCHIVE FOOTAGE  
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Colombia has signed a peace accord ending the longest armed conflict in the Western Hemisphere. (4")

CROWDS CHEERING THE  
PEACE ACCORD  
AGREEMENT  
BOY FEEDING PIGEONS

But the wounds of war are far from healed. 60 years of fighting has claimed the lives of over 200,000 people and forced millions from their homes. (10")

ANTV AUTORIDAD  
NACIONAL DE TELEVISIÓN  
– COLOMBIA

Women were systematically targeted and endured decades of kidnappings, torture and sexual violence. (6")

POSTERS DEPICTING WAR  
IMAGES  
CONFLICT FOOTAGE,

But they also emerged as central actors in the

WOUNDED

peace process. (3")

GENDER SUBCOMMISSION  
ROUND TABLE TALKS  
ARCHIVE – COLOMBIA

Women fought for a seat at the peace table and helped expose the full extent of the war's devastating impact on their lives. (7")

DEBORAH ON CAMERA  
ANTV AUTORIDAD  
NACIONAL DE TELEVISIÓN –  
COLOMBIA

DEBORAH BARROS (In\_Spanish)  
*Women [in Colombia] women have suffered in every context. We suffered sexual violence and the extermination and assassination of women.. They treated us like spoils of war for men. (17")*

BODIES IN STREET

#### NARRATION

DEBORAH SURROUNDED  
BY WOMEN

Deborah Barros is a lawyer and human rights activist from the indigenous Wayuu community in Bahia Portete, on Colombia's northern coast.

GVS OF WAAYU PEOPLE

The Waayu are Colombia's largest indigenous group.  
In 2004, paramilitaries attacked Deborah's village seeking to expel the community from its ancestral homeland. (18")

PORTETE FOOTAGE

DEBORAH BARROS (In Spanish)  
*12 years ago Portete was the site of a massacre. They assassinated women, destroyed houses...They did such horrible things to us that people were displaced to Venezuela.(11")*

DEBORAH ON CAMERA

*My life changed because I started receiving threats, and I was terrified, but this made me into a stronger woman. (9")*

#### NARRATION

DEBORAH AT COMPUTER	Despite repeated threats on her life, Deborah emerged as an outspoken leader for victims of the conflict. She created an organization called Women Weaving Peace, seeking justice for victims of violence and human rights abuses. (13")
CUTAWAYS OF WWP ORGANISATION	
DEBPRAH ON CAMERA	<u>DEBORAH BARROS</u> (In Spanish) <i>We started planning activities where people could mourn, and tell their stories. We visited affected communities, and the houses of the deceased. Every story I heard had a profound impact on me, and this gave me the strength to keep fighting for our final goal of peace. (20")</i>
WOMEN LISTENING TO DEBORAH	
BIBIANA ON CAMERA RED MARIPOSAS DE ALAS NUEVAS CONSTRUYENDO FUTURO	<u>BIBIANA PENARANDA</u> (In Spanish) <i>I believe an important element is the transformation of pain. How do we transform pain into something else.... How do we transform fear so that we are able to confront it? (15")</i>
BIBIANA WALKING THROUGH STREETS	<u>NARRATION</u> Bibiana Penaranda is an activist from Buenaventura, on Colombia's pacific coast. The city is home to hundreds of thousands of Afro-Colombians displaced by the conflict. (9")
BIBIANA IN FRONT OF WOMEN	<u>BIBIANA PENARANDA</u> <i>We aim to give women access to institutional bodies, which they were too afraid to be part of. We are transforming the concept of power. (12")</i>
BELEN ON CAMERA	<u>BELEN SANZ</u> (In_English) <i>Colombian women have been extremely active</i>

*and they have really become a very powerful political voice for resistance but also for transformation. (9”)*

NARRATION

BELEN AT CONFERENCE

Belen Sanz is the UN Women representative in Colombia (5”)

BELEN SANZ (In English)

DEFENSORÍA DEL PUEBLO  
– COLOMBIA

*The peace process was announced publicly in October 2012. At that time, only men were*

BELEN ON CAMERA

*plenipotentiary negotiators, those who really take decisions in the table. Women’s movements called together about 500 women from all parts of Colombia. They were together for 3 days, they had the support of UN Women*

UN WOMEN OFFICE IN  
COLOMBIA

*and the international community, and they advocated very strongly for having women present in the peace talks table. And as a result of this very strong push, the president of*

CANAL CAPITAL -  
COLOMBIA

*Colombia announced the nomination of two women plenipotentiary within the negotiators, so we started to see a change there. (34”)*

NARRATION

CUTAWAYS OF  
CONFERENCE IN HAVANA

Following the president’s announcement, negotiators requested that victims travel to Havana so that both sides could hear the testimonies of those most impacted by the war. Belen Sanz was among those who accompanied the victims. (12”)

CANAL CAPITAL –  
COLOMBIA

BELEN SANZ (In English)

*60% of the victims who visited Havana were*

FEMALE VICTIMS  
ATTENDING CONFERENCE

women and women from all diverse origins of Colombia, and women who had been victims of different forms of human rights violations, including sexual violence, which was put forward as a key element. (16”)

DEBORAH ON CAMERA

DEBORAH BARROS (In Spanish)

*When I was in Havana, Cuba, for me as a women, as an indigenous person, and as a victim, it was an important moment because I could relate my struggle, my resistance, and all I had fought for. As an activist and as a woman in this historical moment for Colombia. (23”)*

GENDER SUBCOMMISSION  
ROUND TABLE TALKS  
ARCHIVE – COLOMBIA

BIBIANA PENARANDA (In Spanish)

One of women’s achievement has been the creation of the gender commission. To be there, speaking up and having our voices heard as women was one of the most important parts of the peace talks. They took into account the focus on women and the gender in the documents. To be written about, to be mentioned..... for everyone to ask, how are the women doing? What reparations can we offer them? That they recognise the multiple types of violence committed against women. That is what we wanted.(40”)

TEXT ON SCREEN

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*women.*

