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I'll check. I'm also working on the visa issue.

On Tue, Sep 4, 2012 at 3:23 PM, Amitabh Desai [redacted] wrote:

President Santos folks said he reopened negotiations with FARC and it would be helpful if WJC could say something positive publicly (along lines of what's below). Would USG have any concerns? This would NOT be a formal printed statement; just something for WJC to weave into public remarks at some point in the near future. Thanks, Ami

Colombia's transformation in the past decade - from the brink of being declared failed state to being celebrated as an economic miracle - is perhaps the biggest success story in the hemisphere.

The process that began in 2001 with Plan Colombia - one of the most successful bipartisan foreign policy initiatives of recent years - had one goal in mind: greater security for the Colombian people.

Colombia has made great progress: the country as a whole is safer than it was ten years ago. And though Colombia continues to be plagued by an internal conflict that is almost fifty years old, the last conflict in the Americas, there is now an end in sight.

We in the international community must wholeheartedly support President Santos' efforts to bring an end to fifty years of violence through negotiations with the FARC guerrilla group.

Peace in Colombia is a victory not just for Colombia, but for the region and the world.