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Nobel Peace Prize

Santos win a welcome display of support for Colombian peace process

Commenting on the announcement that Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, Vice-President of the European Parliament and member of the European Parliament's ad-hoc delegation to the referendum in Colombia **Ulrike Lunacek** said:

"We are very pleased with the decision of the Nobel Prize Committee and would like to take this opportunity to recognise also the efforts of the people of Colombia, who have still not given up hope for peace, and the many victims of this conflict."

"After the disappointing result of Sunday's referendum on the peace agreement in Colombia, the peace process is in a very difficult situation and needs strong displays of support such as this one. It is important to support all those who continue to work towards a political solution to the internal armed conflict which has now lasted for more than 60 years."

"Awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos will help to build greater support for the agreement negotiated between his government and the guerrilla organisation FARC. If this forward looking agreement is implemented in its current form, Colombia can finally reach a lasting peace."

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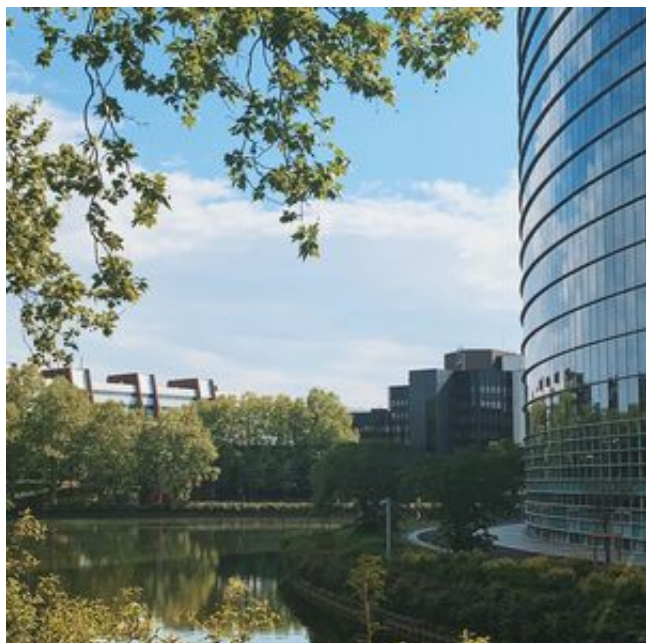


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