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|                                      | Reduction of Inequalities@   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|                                      | Covid-19   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>            |  |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| <b>12. Amounts concerned</b>         | Budget line (article, item): BGUE-B2024-14.020140-C1-INTPA<br>Total estimated cost: EUR 31 800 000<br>- Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 15 900 000<br>This action might be co-financed in parallel co-financing by:<br>- The Government of Colombia: EUR 15 900 000 |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| <b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b> |  |                                     |                                     |                                     |
| <b>13. Type of financing</b>         | <b>Indirect management</b> with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.1.<br>In case of exceptional circumstances, direct management through grants (section 4.3.2)   |                                     |                                     |                                     |

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

In Colombia, Environment and Peace are closely interlinked, as conflict around natural resources is both a cause and effect of armed confrontation, causing a negative spiral of extractive and illegal activities. Conflict hotspots overlap with areas of environmental degradation of strategic ecosystems and protected areas through widespread deforestation, inappropriate land use changes, illegal mining, and crops. Large portions of rural areas are held hostage by the conflict, threatening biodiversity conservation, undermining communities' safety and security, livelihoods, and productive investments, and widening the development gap with urban areas. Huge land tenure issues continue to fuel the conflict and are a main obstacle to access climate finance and sustainable use and protection of biodiversity.

The Petro administration has committed to reversing this trend by implementing the Integrated Rural Reform agreed as part of the Peace Agreement, and through an environmental policy in line with EU global action on climate, including protecting the Amazon and biodiversity, and promoting a transition towards renewable and green energy. Substantial financial resources from the national budget are available for this purpose, including the "National Fund for Life and Biodiversity" which channels the domestic carbon tax and seeks to leverage large-scale climate finance investments.

The proposed action combines the two priorities of the 2021-2027 MIP: Priority Area 1. Peace and Priority Area 2. Environment and Climate Change, in an integrated approach. It seeks to give continuity to the EU's support to the peace process, in particular the significant investment made through the EU Trust Fund for Peace in the Amazon and Llanos departments and on the Southern Pacific coast, especially in Cauca and Nariño.

The programme aims to strengthen the coherent and coordinated presence of the Colombian State, including entities linked to the implementation of the Integrated Rural Reform (point 1 of the 2016 Peace Agreement), in marginalised territories affected by internal armed conflict. Its overall logic is to enable active citizen participation and build trust between local communities and the Colombian state. Another important goal of the programme is to mobilise/leverage domestic public funds and