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Canadian parliamentarians hold meetings in Bogota, Colombia

Members of the [Canadian section of ParlAmericas](#), led by [Mr. Anthony Rota](#), M.P., returned to Ottawa following four days of meetings in Bogota, Colombia.

Accompanying Mr. Rota were the [Honourable Pana Merchant](#), Senator, the [Honourable David Wells](#), Senator, [Mr. William Amos](#), M.P. and [Mr. François Choquette](#), M.P.

The meetings in Colombia focussed on the challenges and opportunities for Colombians of implementing the peace accord and the implications the accord holds for the country's economy, rural development, humanitarian needs, security challenges and the illicit trade of narcotics.

After more than 50 years of armed conflict, in November 2016, a historic peace agreement was reached between Colombia's government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Canada supports this process and transition to peace, maintaining its longstanding relationship of open dialogue with Colombia.

In 2016, Canada announced a total of \$78.4 million in international assistance initiatives to support Colombia's peace efforts.

Founded 15 years ago in Ottawa, [ParlAmericas international](#) is the only inter-parliamentary secretariat headquartered in Ottawa. Since the beginning, the Canadian section of ParlAmericas has worked closely with the ParlAmericas International and plays a key role in furthering dialogue by bringing together parliamentarians and hemispheric observers from across the Americas and the Caribbean.

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