

Press release

UN Human Rights Office welcomes ELN release of six individuals and trusts that the Government will resume talks promptly

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“We welcome the release of the 6 captives held by the ELN and hope that the talks between the Government and the armed group reignites shortly, as this would improve the lives of Colombians in violence-ridden areas”, said Alberto Brunori OHCHR Representative in Colombia.

“We also hope that the discussions will soon lead to a cease fire agreement, which would help prevent undue loss of lives and protect the lives of thousands,” expressed Brunori.

“I wish to commend the work of the Humanitarian Commission in freeing of these six individuals”, emphasized Brunori.

Likewise, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) reminds ELN that the taking of hostages is prohibited under international humanitarian law. It causes great suffering and carries consequences that are difficult to heal for the persons that are deprived of liberty as well as for their family members and society at large.

Finally, the Office in Colombia underlines that in line with its core mandate it will continue to support the parties in their quest for peace and human rights.