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### **Ambassador Pinzón Welcomes U.S. Senate CODEL to Colombia**

**Washington, DC** — Colombian Ambassador to the United States Juan Carlos Pinzón today welcomed a bipartisan congressional delegation (CODEL) to Colombia's capital city of Bogotá for a two-day visit. The delegation includes Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Thad Cochran (R-MS), Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Tom Udall (D-NM). During the visit, the CODEL will meet with key Colombian government officials and stakeholders to discuss a range of issues on the bilateral agenda, including implementation of the historic Peace Agreement reached at the end of last year and the Peace Colombia initiative.

"It is an honor to welcome Senators Leahy, Cochran, Bennet and Udall to Colombia and show them the progress made thanks to the strong U.S.-Colombia partnership," said Ambassador Pinzón. "Today, Colombia is a nation building a stable and lasting peace. Because of our key ally, the United States, and support from lawmakers like these, we are now poised to take another historic leap on the path to sustained prosperity."

Tomorrow, the CODEL will meet with President Juan Manuel Santos at the presidential palace. The Senators will also meet with Minister of Post Conflict Rafael Pardo, High Peace Commissioner Sergio Jaramillo and Director of the Colombian Agency for Reintegration Joshua Mitrotti. Also on Thursday, the delegation will visit Fundación Escuela Taller, an organization dedicated to equipping students with traditional trade skills.

On Friday, the delegation will meet with members of civil society, and with Attorney General Nestor Humberto Martínez, Minister of Justice Jorge Eduardo Londoño and Ombudsman Carlos Negret.

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