



Side Event to the Protection of Civilians week

“Ensuring protection of and responses for all survivors:
Gender responsive measures to meet the needs of survivors
of conflict-related sexual violence”

May 22nd, 2023

Thank “All survivors project” for invitation. Honor for Colombia to co-host event with Canada, Liechtenstein, Malta, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The role of sexual and gender-based violence in the Colombian armed conflict has been addressed in innovative ways within our Truth, Justice and Reparation system. In particular, the Special Jurisdiction for Peace is the first tribunal in the world to incorporate a gender approach and to recognize that violence on the bases of gender identity and sexual orientation might be considered crimes against humanity.

This work has been reflected in several of the SJP’s macro-cases:

- First, in **case 05** the Truth Recognition Chamber of the SJP accredited five people from the LGBTI community as victims. This process was initiated at the request of the “*Corporación Caribe Afirmativo*”, which denounced a pattern of threats, harassment, sexual violence, arbitrary detentions and attempted homicides between 2005 and 2012 against LGBTI people in northern Cauca by members of the FARC-EP and the security forces.

Given that the LGBTI population has been an overlooked and unattended victim of the armed conflict, as it is in many other countries, this recognition by the SJP made it visible.

- Second, in **case 07** the SJP also announced the opening of a sub-line of investigation on discrimination and violence against LGBTI children.

In response to this, accredited victims who identify themselves as persons with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or gender expressions, were also prioritized in the development of the methodology for information gathering on the gender facets of recruitment.



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- Finally, in July 2022 the President of the SJP also announced the opening of **macro-case 11**, which will investigate and try sexual violence and other crimes motivated by the gender, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity of the victim in the context of the armed conflict.

This new case, now in the stage of grouping and concentration of information, had been a demand of victims' organizations to the SJP. Until now, sexual violence has been investigated within the other macro-cases already open. It is anticipated that macro-case 11 will allow for more focused analysis of the motivations and patterns associated with these crimes.