



Colombia's Security Realignment

U.S. security assistance, armed-group retaliation risk, and critical-infrastructure exposure.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The United States plans to provide \$1 billion in security assistance to Colombia's new government as President Abelardo De La Espriella begins a harder-line campaign against narcotics networks and armed groups. The combination of new external support, a more coercive domestic security posture, and persistent insurgent and criminal capability raises the probability of retaliatory violence against security forces and exposed infrastructure.

KEY JUDGMENTS

- The planned \$1 billion U.S. package materially increases resources potentially available for Colombia's security transition.
- Armed groups retain the capability and incentive to answer intensified state pressure with asymmetric attacks.
- Energy, transport, police, military, and U.S.-linked facilities warrant heightened monitoring during the first 100 days.
- Colombia remains under a U.S. Level 3 travel advisory, with several departments designated Do Not Travel because of crime and terrorism.

ANNOUNCED U.S. SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Planned package for Colombia's security transition: \$1.0 billion. The figure represents announced intent rather than obligated funds, and disbursement pace is the practical constraint on near-term operational effect.

ANALYTIC NOTE

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