



Glossary and abbreviations

Term	Definition
AGC	Autodefensas Gaitanistas de Colombia (Gaitanista Self-Defense Forces of Colombia), also known as the Gulf Clan or Urabeños
CEAS	Common European Asylum System
CECOT	Centro de Confinamiento del Terrorismo (Terrorism Confinement Centre), in El Salvador
CEPAL	Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean)
CGR	Contraloría General de la República (Office of the General Comptroller)
CICPC	Cuerpo de Investigaciones Científicas, Penales y Criminalísticas (Scientific, Penal and Criminalistic Investigation Service Corps)
CLAP	Comités Locales de Abastecimiento y Producción (Local Committees of Supply and Production)
CNCC	Cuerpo Nacional Contra la Corrupción (National Anti-Corruption Corps)
CNE	Consejo Nacional Electoral (National Electoral Council)
colectivos	pro-government paramilitary organisations accused of carrying out widespread abuses, often in coordination with state security forces, against protesters and political dissidents (2.2.1.)
CONAS	Comando Nacional Antiextorsión y Secuestro (Kidnapping and Anti-extortion National Command)
CONATEL	Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (National Telecommunications Commission)
DAET	Dirección de Acciones Estratégicas y Tácticas (Directorate of Strategic and Tactical Actions)
DGCIM	Dirección General de Contrainteligencia Militar (General Directorate of Military Counterintelligence)
Dublin III regulation	Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast)
ELN	Ejército Nacional de Liberación (National Liberation Army)
EMC	Estado Mayor Central (Central General Command)
EU	European Union
EU+ countries	Member States of the European Union and associated countries
FBL	Fuerzas Bolivarianas de Liberación (Bolivarian Liberation Forces)

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Escuderos	Protection for the Tren de Aragua leaders
FAES	Fuerzas de Acciones Especiales (Special Action Force)
FARC dissidents	Dissidents of the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia- Ejército del Pueblo (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army)
FMV	Federación Médica Venezolana (Venezuelan Medical Federation)
FPLN	Fuerzas Patrióticas de Liberación Nacional or <i>boliches</i> (Patriotic Forces of National Liberation)
FTO	Foreign Terrorist Organizations (US-designation)
gariteros	Those responsible for surveillance in Tren de Aragua
GNB	Guardia Nacional Bolivariana (Bolivarian National Guard)
GPPBB	Gran Polo Patriótico Simón Bolívar (Simón Bolívar Great Patriotic Pole)
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
ICJ	International Commission of Jurists
IISS	International Institute for Strategic Studies
impuesto de guerra	Also called <i>matraca</i> , <i>colaboraciones</i> – ‘war tax’
INE	Instituto Nacional de Estadística (National Statistics Institute)
IOM	International Organization for Migration
Megabandas	Large, heavily armed criminal organisations typically comprising between 100 and 1 000 members (2.2.2)
Member States	Member States of the European Union
Minervén	Compañía General de Minería de Venezuela (Mining Company of Venezuela)
MUD	Mesa de la Unidad Democrática (Democratic Unity Roundtable)
OAS	Organization of American States
OCC	Observatorio Ciudadano de Corrupción (Citizens' Observatory of Corruption)
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
ONCDFT	Oficina Nacional Contra la Delincuencia Organizada y Financiamiento al Terrorismo (National Office Against Organized Crime and Financing of Terrorism)
OVCS	Observatorio Venezolano de Conflictividad Social (Venezuelan Observatory of Social Conflict)
OVF	Observatorio Venezolano de Finanzas (Venezuelan Finance Observatory)
OVP	Observatorio Venezolano de Prisiones (Venezuelan Observatory of Prisons)
OVV	Observatorio Venezolano de Violencia (Venezuelan Observatory of Violence)
patriotas cooperantes	Cooperating patriots
PCC	Primeiro Comando da Capital
PCV	Partido Comunista de Venezuela (Communist Party of Venezuela)
PDVSA	Petróleos de Venezuela (Petroleum of Venezuela)
PNB	Policía Nacional Bolivariana (Bolivarian National Police)
Pran, pranes and pranato	The term <i>pran</i> (<i>pranes</i> in plural) refers to a type of criminal gang that originated within Venezuela's penitentiary system. <i>Pranato</i> is the criminal system dominated by <i>pranes</i> . <i>Pran</i> can also refer to the individual leader or leaders of a <i>pran</i> (the type of criminal gang).
PROVEA	Programa Venezolano de Educación Acción en Derechos Humanos (Venezuelan Program of Education and Actions for Human Rights)
PSUV	Partido Socialista Unido de Venezuela (United Socialist Party of Venezuela)

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PUD	Plataforma Unitaria Democrática (Democratic Unitary Platform)
RCD (recast)	Reception conditions directive — Directive 2013/33/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (recast)
Refugee Convention	The 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and its 1967 Protocol (referred to in EU asylum legislation and by the CJEU as ‘the Geneva Convention’)
Salvoconducto	Letter-of-safe-passage
SEBIN	Servicio Bolivariano de Inteligencia Nacional (Bolivarian National Intelligence Service)
Sindicatos	Originated as construction-sector unions but have since evolved into powerful armed groups that now control illegal mining operations (2.2.3)
Sistemas	Criminal organisations dominating illegal mining in states such as Bolívar. They were reportedly referred to as <i>pranes</i> or <i>sindicatos</i> . These structures, some comprising 'hundreds' of members, engage in extortion of mined gold, illegal mining, fuel and drug trafficking, sexual exploitation, and widespread extortion of local businesses (2.2.3)
SNTP	Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Prensa (National Union of Press Workers)
TSJ	Tribunal Supremo de Justicia (Supreme Justice Tribunal)
UNFFMV	UN Fact-Finding Mission on Venezuela
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNT	Un Nuevo Tiempo (A New Era)
WJP	World Justice Project