

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	On Measures to Ensure Further Peaceful Settlement in the Chechen Republic
Date	23 Nov 1996
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009)

The First Chechen War (1995 - 1997)

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, relations between the Federal Russian government with the over 100 ethnic groups deteriorated as demands for autonomy became a major political issue. In March 1992, a federation treaty was drafted and by 1994 the treaty was signed between 87 of the 88 federal jurisdictions and central government, with Chechnya being the exception. The conflict erupted in 1991 following the death of the head of the Communist Party in Grozny when a faction of the USSR's dissolved military stormed Party Headquarters. Russian forces failed to re-take Grozny and in 1993 the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria announced its independence. Violence and discrimination preceded economic stagnation as non-Chechnens fled the region, and eventually an undeclared civil war broke out as the Chechen opposition attempted a counter-coup against the Chechen ruler Dzhokhar Dudayev. Following the dissolution of the Chechen Parliament in June 1993, a state of emergency was declared, and in December that year an other coup was attempted by the opposition. Issues of sovereignty spurred an assault by Russian troops in December 1994, marking the start of the first Chechen War wherein Russian troops faced four years of insurgency until a ceasefire was unilaterally declared in 1996. A peace treaty was signed in 1997 and Russian forces withdrew.

The Second Chechen War (1999 - 2004)

The inter-war period was marked by economic desolation, corruption and crime. Political polarization was rife, and religious extremism flourished. In August 1999, the Islamic International Brigade led by Shamil Basayev invaded the Russian Republic of Dagestan seeking to found an Islamic State, thereby sparking the Second Chechen War. In response, the Russian Federation began a bombing campaign against the Chechen government and eventually re-took Grozny. An insurgency began following the fall of the Chechen government and separatist attacks spurred an increasingly harsh response from the Kremlin. By 2006, the main separatist leaders had been killed, and the republic has been run by the pro-Russian government led by Ramzan Kadyrov since 2007.

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Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Chechnya peace process
Parties	President of the Russian Federation, Boris Yeltsin
Third parties	-
Description	Short presidential decree authorizing the maneuver of the 101st Brigade out of the Chechen Republi, nullifying an earlier Presidential decree of July 3, 1996.

Agreement document	RU_CRI_961123_On measures to ensure further peaceful settlement in CRI.pdf (opens in new tab) Download PDF
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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/
national group** No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced
persons** No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	Page 1, 2. To instruct the Government of the Russian Federation: ... -- to determine the status and terms of using the Severny airport (Groznyy).
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws
Page 1, 5. Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 663 of July 3, 1996 'On the Deployment of Military Management Bodies, Forces, Military Units, Institutions and Organisations of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation on the Territory of the Chechen Republic' (Code of Laws of the Russian Federation, 1995, No.28, Article 2640) shall become null and void.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 1, 4. To instruct the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation to take, with the consent of bodies of power in the Chechen Republic, measures to ensure the security of the population and vital facilities on the territory of the Chechen Republic.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces

Page 1, 1. To redeploy the 101st detached brigade of Interior Ministry troops of the Russian Federation and the 205th detached brigade of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation beyond the administrative border of the Chechen Republic.

Page 1, 2. To instruct the Government of the Russian Federation:
-- to ensure the planned redeployment of the 101st detached brigade of Interior Ministry troops and 205th detached brigade of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation;

Page 1, 2. To instruct the Government of the Russian Federation:
... -- to take the necessary measures to prepare places for the deployment of the above brigades and ensure social welfare and everyday services for their personnel and the dependents of officers and warrant-officers.

Page 1, 3. To instruct the minister of defence of the Russian Federation and the minister of internal affairs of the Russian Federation to submit, for approval, a plan of deployment of the brigades specified in clause of this Decree in the North Caucasian region.

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Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	Page 1, For the purpose of implementing the programme of action to reach accord and reconciliation in society, ensuring a further peaceful settlement in the Chechen Republic and creating conditions for all citizens, who have the right to participate in the formation of bodies of state power in the Chechen Republic, to exercise their right to vote, I hereby decree:

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
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Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
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Related cases	No specific mention.
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