

Country/entity	China Russia
Region	Asia and Pacific Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement on the Western Section of the Boundary Between the PRC and the Russian Federation Signed by Foreign Ministers – Andrei Kozyrev and Qian Qichen
Date	3 Sep 1994
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Interstate/interstate conflict

Sino-Soviet Border Conflict (1969 - 1991)

Lasting 7 months, this undeclared border war erupted at the height of the Sino-Soviet split in March 1969 in the area of Zhenbao on the Wusuli River. Ten years earlier, the two allies had stood as champions of communism. Indeed, Soviet Russia played a key role in supporting Communist rebels against the nationalist Koumintang. However, relations soured over differences in ideology and leadership and although a border treaty was drawn up in 1965, Nikita Krushchev refused to sign after allegations by Mao Zedong were leaked that Tsarist Russia had stripped China of its historical territory. Accounts of the conflict vary between Chinese and Russian historians. Nonetheless, a People's Liberation Army raid on a Soviet border outpost on March 2, 1969 left over a hundred dead. Although, the conflict brought both countries to the brink of a greater war, with troops amassing on both sides, this outcome was avoided. The conflict was formally ended in September 1991 with the first border demarcation agreement. Other agreements were signed with formerly-Soviet States included Kazakhstan.

Close

Sino-Soviet Border Conflict (1969 - 1991)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	China-Russia border dispute peace process
Parties	People's Republic of China Plenipotentiary Qian Qichen Russian Federation Plenipotentiary Andrei Kozyrev

Third parties	-
Description	Border demarcation agreement building on the 1991 Sino-Russian Border agreement marking the boundary in the Western section.

Agreement document	CN_RU_940903_Agreement on the Western Section of the Boundary.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 [Summary] Entire Agreement is a border demarcation agreement.

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The Contracting Parties agree to use the existing Sino-Russian border treaty as a basis and to act in accordance with international standards, based on the spirit of equal consultation, mutual understanding and mutual accommodation. They agree to act according to the agreement reached during border negotiations, to equally and fairly resolve the historical issue of the Sino-Russian borderline, and to clarify and determine the direction of the boundary line between the two countries.

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[Summary] Demarcates border from the western-most point of the Sino-Russian-Mongolian border to the second boundary marker at Kaladier (3318m).

Page 1-2, Article 3

In order to define the Sino-Russian border which is described in article 2 of this agreement, the Contracting Parties decided, in accordance with the principal of equal treatment, to establish a joint boundary surveying committee. They decided to give this committee the task of boundary surveying work, defining the exact location of the dividing line of the mountains, and establishing landmarks in accordance with article 4 of this agreement. In addition, they gave this committee the task of drawing up boundary surveying documents, drawing detailed boundary surveying maps, and also resolving and completing the specific issues related to the above mentioned tasks.

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The Contracting Parties agree [that] the border line that is described in article 2 of this agreement follows along the dividing line. The exact location of this dividing line shall be specifically defined at the time of boundary surveying.

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The Contracting Parties agree that the border between the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan will be determined by the three countries separately.

Page 2, Article 6

The Contracting Parties agree that the Russian-Chinese boundary marked on the ground should also be divided vertically into the air and the subsoil.

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Any natural change that may occur in the field on the border shall not affect the location of the demarcated western section of the Sino-Russian boundary unless otherwise agreed by the Contracting Parties.

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[Summary] Stipulates the ratification of the treaty.

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.
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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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	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.

Implementation

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

Source	The National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China; http://www.npc.gov.cn/wxzl/wxzl/2001-01/02/content_3265.htm
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