Country/entity	Syria
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Framework agreement signed by His Excellency President Ahmad Al-Sharaa and His Excellency President Mazloum Abdi
Date	10 Mar 2025
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -)

The agreements relate to three different conflict contexts. Israel-Syria and Syria-Lebanon. The Syrian-Israeli conflict was a key factor for the Syrian intervention during the Lebanese Civil War, with Syrian-backed Palestinian Liberation Army units intervened in 1976 against the Palestinian/Leftist militias. Following a massacre at Tel al-Zaatar that year, Syria was forced to accept a ceasefire at a meeting of the Arab League. However, the Arab League also mandated an Arab Deterrence Force, consisting of mostly Syrian soldiers with token contributions from other Arab League states, thus further legitimizing the Syrian presence in Lebanon. During a second bout of fighting that began in 1989, caused by the formation of rival Lebanese regimes in East and West Beirut, the Syrian-backed regime won and in 1991 the 'Treaty of Brotherhood, Cooperation and Coordination' was signed to legalize the Syrian occupation as a means to ensure the security of Syria. Syrian forces were forced to withdraw in 2005 following possible involvement in the assassination of Lebanon's President Hariri.

Syria-internal. In 2011, domestic upheaval following a wave of protests across the Arab World soon led to violent repression of protestors by Syrian government troops. The violence progressed steadily and by July 2011 the Free Syrian Army (FSA) was formed consisting of defected military units and new recruits. The FSA and rebel umbrella group known as the Syrian National Council represented the first attempt at coordinating rebel factions in late 2011. However, a steady influx of foreign fighters and increased sectarianism radicalised opposition groups, which relied on foreign funding. The nature of the conflict changed drastically in late 2013 as infighting among the opposition groups increased. One of the more significant developments was the split between the al-Qaeda outfits the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, ISIS), and Jabhat al-Nusra in early 2014 in addition to the intensified targeting of other rebel factions by ISIS fighters in particular, including the Kurdish Peshmerga, the FSA and other jihadist outfits. Since the summer of 2014, the conflict was further internationalized when ISIS announced the formation of an Islamic state eroding the state line between Iraq and Syria and also in mid-2015 when Russian forces intervened on behalf of the Bashar al-Assad government in Damascus.
Close
Syrian Conflicts (1948 -) (1976 - 2005) (2011 -)

Stage Framework/substantive - partial

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Syrian peace process

Parties Primary Signatories:

His Excellency President Ahmad Al-Sharaa
His Excellency President Mazloum Abdi

Third parties	-
Description	This agreement establishes a framework for integrating Kurdish-administered areas of eastern Syria into the Syrian state following the fall of the Assad regime. The accord guarantees constitutional rights for the Kurdish community while providing for the cessation of hostilities and the integration of all civil and military institutions in eastern Syria, including strategic assets like airports, seaports, and oil and gas fields under Syrian state administration. The agreement also addresses refugee returns, security cooperation against remaining Assad regime elements, explicitly rejects partition, and sets an implementation deadline of the end of 2025.

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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive **Article 1** Guaranteeing the rights of all Syrians in representation and participation in the political process, and ensuring all state institutions are built on competence, regardless of their religious and ethnic backgrounds. **Article 2** The Kurdish community is an authentic component of Syrian society, and the Syrian state guarantees its rights as citizens and all their constitutional rights.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.

Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive **Article 5** Guaranteeing the return of all Syrian refugees to their homeland and ensuring their dignity and security from the Syrian state.
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)	**Article 7** Rejecting calls for partition and inflammatory rhetoric, and attempts to incite discord among all components of Syrian society.
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)	Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references **Article 4** Integrating all civil and military institutions in eastern Syria under the administration of the Syrian state, including airports, seaports, and oil and gas fields.
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	**Article 1** Guaranteeing the rights of all Syrians in representation and participation in the political process, and ensuring all state institutions are built on competence, regardless of their religious and ethnic backgrounds. ... **Article 4** Integrating all civil and military institutions in eastern Syria under the administration of the Syrian state, including airports, seaports, and oil and gas fields.
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	Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality **Article 1** Guaranteeing the rights of all Syrians in representation and participation in the political process, and ensuring all state institutions are built on competence, regardless of their religious and ethnic backgrounds. **Article 2** The Kurdish community is an authentic component of Syrian society, and the Syrian state guarantees its rights as citizens and all their constitutional rights. Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Vote and take part **Article 1** Guaranteeing the rights of all Syrians in representation and participation in the political process, and ensuring all state institutions are built on competence, regardless of their religious and ethnic backgrounds.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general **Article 2** The Kurdish community is an authentic component of Syrian society, and the Syrian state guarantees its rights as citizens and all their constitutional rights.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Governance of media **Article 7** Rejecting calls for partition and inflammatory rhetoric, and attempts to incite discord among all components of Syrian society.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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	No specific mention.
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	**Article 4** Integrating all civil and military institutions in eastern Syria under the administration of the Syrian state, including airports, seaports, and oil and gas fields.
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	**Article 5** Guaranteeing the return of all Syrian refugees to their homeland and ensuring their dignity and security from the Syrian state. **Article 6** Supporting the Syrian state in its fight against the remnants of Assad (the Bashar al-Assad regime) and all threats that endanger its security and unity.
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments **Article 3** Ceasing fire and launching dialogue on all Syrian territories.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	**Article 4** Integrating all civil and military institutions in eastern Syria under the administration of the Syrian state, including airports, seaports, and oil and gas fields.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	**Article 6** Supporting the Syrian state in its fight against the remnants of Assad (the Bashar al-Assad regime) and all threats that endanger its security and unity.
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.