

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement: On the basic principles of relations between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic
Date	3 Dec 1995
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
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 Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Chechnya peace process

Parties From the Government of the Russian Federation: V. S. Chernomyrdin;
From the Government of the Chechen Republic: D. G. Zavgaev;
Plenipotentiary Representative of the President of the Russian Federation in the Chechen Republic: O. I. Lobov;

Third parties	-
Description	The agreement provides principles for delimitation of powers between organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic, for the conclusion of a definitive Treaty on such matters in future negotiations.

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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	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize: The defense of the rights and freedoms of the individual and citizen, and the rights of national minorities;</p> <p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination Page 1, Guaranteeing the observance of basic rights and freedom of individuals and citizens, independent of nationality, religion, place of residence and other differences;</p>
Religious groups	<p>Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination Page 1, Guaranteeing the observance of basic rights and freedom of individuals and citizens, independent of nationality, religion, place of residence and other differences;</p>
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:
... The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Chechen Republic will take measures to secure conditions for the return and equipping of refugees, the creation of centres of medical rehabilitation of the population of the Chechen Republic, of those suffering as a result of military activities, and also the establishment of a special procedure for undertaking alternative civil service on the territory of the Chechen Republic and a special regime of undertaking military service will be secured, including in military construction units, created for the restoration of the economy and the social sphere of the republic.

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family Page 1, Have agreed to the following:
... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:
... They decided issues of advocacy and notary public, family, residential and labour relations;

State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 1, Guaranteeing the preservation of territorial integrity and unity of the economic space;

Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:
The delimitation of powers between federal organs of executive power and organs of executive power of the Chechen Republic on issues of their joint sphere of competence can be realized by separate treaties and agreements.

State configuration Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:
The delimitation of powers between federal organs of executive power and organs of executive power of the Chechen Republic on issues of their joint sphere of competence can be realized by separate treaties and agreements.

Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:
... The organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic have plenipotentiary representation, respectively, in Gozny and Moscow.

Self determination	Page 1, Proceeding from the generally recognized right of peoples to self-determination, principles of equal rights, voluntarism and freedom of expression, guaranteeing their observance;
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	<p>Page 1, Proceeding from the right of the Chechen Republic to participate in international and foreign economic ties;</p> <p>Page 1, Have agreed to the following: ... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including: ... They establish and support relations with other subjects of the Russian Federation, and conclude with them treaties and agreements; They realize international and foreign economic ties, and participate in the activity of the corresponding international organizations.</p> <p>Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize: ... Coordination of the international and foreign economic ties of the Chechen Republic;</p> <p>Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize: ... The conducting of a common policy in the sphere of employment of the population, migration processes, social security, issues of health preservation, education, science, culture, physical culture and sport, and preparation of national cadres;</p> <p>Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation: ... The Chechen Republic, with the goal of developing cultural, trade and economic ties, can have its own representations in other states.</p>

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	<p>Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references</p> <p>Page 1, Have agreed to the following:</p> <p>... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:</p> <p>They establish a system of organs of state power of the Chechen Republic, a regime for their organization and activity;</p> <p>Page 1, Have agreed to the following:</p> <p>... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:</p> <p>... They form organs of state power of the Chechen Republic;</p>
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 Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions
Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:
... Decisions of the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic, adopted within the bounds of its competency, are obligatory for fulfilment on the territory of the Chechen Republic.

page 176: the Parties have agreed “to recognize the necessity of establishing a special status for the Chechen Republic as part of the Russian Federation, the adoption by the Chechen Republic of a Constitution and legislation.

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Other

[Cross-border power-sharing] Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize:

... The conducting of a common policy in the sphere of employment of the population, migration processes, social security, issues of health preservation, education, science, culture, physical culture and sport, and preparation of national cadres;

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing Power sharing→Military power sharing→Joint command structures
Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:
... The command of the joint armed forces, executing orders on the disarmament of illegal armed formations on the territory of the Chechen Republic, coordinates its activity with the Government of the Chechen Republic.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Guaranteeing the observance of basic rights and freedom of individuals and citizens, independent of nationality, religion, place of residence and other differences;

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality Page 1, Proceeding from the generally recognized right of peoples to self-determination, principles of equal rights, voluntarism and freedom of expression, guaranteeing their observance;</p> <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion Page 1, Proceeding from the generally recognized right of peoples to self-determination, principles of equal rights, voluntarism and freedom of expression, guaranteeing their observance;</p> <p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other Page 1, Proceeding from the generally recognized right of peoples to self-determination, principles of equal rights, voluntarism and freedom of expression, guaranteeing their observance;</p>
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Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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Rights related issues

Citizenship	<p>Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights Page 1, Guaranteeing the observance of basic rights and freedom of individuals and citizens, independent of nationality, religion, place of residence and other differences;</p>
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	<p>Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation: ... Will create the necessary conditions and provide for the opening of regular international flights from Grozny.</p>
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	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize:</p> <p>... Formation of comprehensive funds for the financing of joint programmes, the liquidation of the consequences of extreme disasters and catastrophies;</p> <p>Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:</p> <p>Will continue the allocation to the Government of the Chechen Republic financial and material-technical resources for the compensation of the population of the Republic for losses, the restoration of housing, the economy, and objects of the social sphere;</p> <p>Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:</p> <p>... Will confirm a special program of development for the Chechen Republic, including measures to accelerate the development of its mountain districts, to create the necessary jobs for securing employment of the population able to work;</p> <p>Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:</p> <p>... Will provide aid to organs of state power of the Chechen Republic for the restoration of museums, architectural landmarks, higher and secondary education institutions, and for the preparation of national cadres in the scientific and educational institutions of the Russian Federation;</p> <p>Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:</p> <p>... The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Chechen Republic will take measures to secure conditions for the return and equipping of refugees, the creation of centres of medical rehabilitation of the population of the Chechen Republic ...</p>
National economic plan	<p>Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize:</p> <p>... The organization of the mobilized preparation of the economy;</p>
Natural resources	<p>Page 1, Have agreed to the following:</p> <p>... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:</p> <p>... They decide issues of the ownership, use and distribution of natural resources, and also state enterprises, organisations and other movable and immovable state property located on the territory of the Chechen Republic, with the exception of objects of federal ownership;</p>
International funds	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Business	<p>Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:</p> <p>... The Chechen Republic, with the goal of developing cultural, trade and economic ties, can have its own representations in other states.</p>

Taxation	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Power to tax</p> <p>Page 1, Have agreed to the following:</p> <p>... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:</p> <p>... They form the republican budget, establish and collect republican taxes;</p> <p>Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:</p> <p>... Will establish necessary customs and tax privileges;</p>
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible

Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:

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Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible

Page 1, Have agreed to the following:

... The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:

... They establish the particulars of the organization of education considering the national and historical traditions of the peoples residing on the territory of the Chechen Republic;

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

Page 1, Rejecting the use of force or the threat of force in the resolution of disputed issues;

Guided by the political securing of civil peace, international concord and the security of peoples;

Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize:

... The defense of the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation;

Page 2, They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize:

... The coordination of activity in the battle against crime and the securing of public safety.

Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:

... Organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic are obligated to strive for a widening of the zones of peace on the territory of the Chechen Republic.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

Page 2, The government of the Russian Federation:

... The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Chechen Republic will take measures to secure conditions for the return and equipping of refugees, the creation of centres of medical rehabilitation of the population of the Chechen Republic, of those suffering as a result of military activities, and also the establishment of a special procedure for undertaking alternative civil service on the territory of the Chechen Republic and a special regime of undertaking military service will be secured, including in military construction units, created for the restoration of the economy and the social sphere of the republic.

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

Page 3, The government of the Russian Federation:

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
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Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
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Corruption	No specific mention.
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Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
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Drugs	No specific mention.
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Terrorism	No specific mention.
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Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
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Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
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Courts	No specific mention.
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Mechanism	No specific mention.
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Prisoner release	No specific mention.
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Vetting	No specific mention.
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Victims	No specific mention.
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Missing persons	No specific mention.
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Reparations	No specific mention.
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Reconciliation	Page 1, Expressing the striving of peoples to restoration of mutual understanding, trust, and the preservation and development of their friendly ties;
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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.

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