

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Protocol of the Meeting of the Commissions on the Negotiations Regarding a Ceasefire and Cessation of Hostilities and on Measures to Settle the Armed Conflict on the Territory of the Chechen Republic
Date	10 Jun 1996
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.

Close

Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009)

Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Chechnya peace process

Parties The Negotiations Commission under the direction of V. Mikhailov, Minister of the Russian Federation and Federal Relations;
Members of the Negotiations Commission of the Russian Federation:
V. Zorin. S. Stepashin. N. Bezborodov. B. Jamalkhanov. Kh. Musalatov. A. Piskunov. A. Osmayev. V. Sagayev. N. Semenov. V. Strashko. V. Tikhomirov. N. Fedosov.
Members of the Negotiations Commission of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeriya:
Kh. Yarikhanov. A. Zakayev. K. Makhashev. M. Udugov. Ya. Abdulayev. Sh. Basayev.
M. Saldayev.

The Negotiations Commission and under the direction of A. Maskhadov, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the CRI;

Third parties With the mediation of the representation of the OSCE: T. Guldemann

Description Agreement provides for a comprehensive ceasefire, a withdrawal of the Provisional United Forces by the end of August 1996,

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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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references
5. The Negotiations Commissions have agreed that it is necessary to conduct free and democratic elections to the organs of the State govt of the Chechen Rep at all levels and with the participation of all genuine political forces, with those elections subject to public and intl monitoring; the conduct of the elections to be an internal affair of the Chechen Rep

Elections Page 2, 2. Within agreed time-limits:
5. The Negotiations Commissions have agreed that it is necessary to conduct free and democratic elections to the organs of State government of the Chechen Republic at all levels and with the participation of all genuine political forces, with those elections to be subject to public and international monitoring after the withdrawal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic and its demilitarization have been completed.
The question of how the elections to any organ of State government of the Chechen Republic at all levels and with the participation of all genuine political forces are to be conducted is an internal affair of the Chechen Republic.

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 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 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 2, 2. Within agreed time-limits:

- Checkpoints on roads leading out of inhabited communities shall be eliminated during the period from 11 June to 7 July 1996.
- For the purpose of protecting formations of the Provisional United Forces, control checkpoints are to be established, which shall be eliminated as those formations are withdrawn.

Page 2, 2. Within agreed time-limits:

4. The heads of the working groups – V. Tikhominov, Commander of the Provisional United Forces, and A. Kaskhadov, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeriya – shall:

- Carry out an exchange of the data required to monitor the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Protocol;
- Delimit the zones of responsibility and designate the persons responsible for the cease-fire and cessation of hostilities in those zones (the joint working groups shall determine the number of zones of responsibility);
- Begin drawing up a timetable for the stage-by-stage withdrawal and removal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic and for its demilitarization, reaching an agreement on this timetable before 15 June 1996 at the level of Negotiations Commission heads.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Have agreed as follows:

1. The cease-fire and cessation of hostilities completely exclude:

- The use of any types of armaments for combat purposes, including rocket, artillery and other forms of shelling and aerial bombardment;
- Any attacks and operations involving troops, including special operations (joint working groups shall formulate a definition of the term “special operations”);
- The seizure or blockade of inhabited communities, military facilities, and roads;
- Any threats to the work of community governments;
- The unlawful bearing of arms (joint working groups shall formulate a definition of “unlawful bearing of arms”);
- Acts of terrorism or sabotage;
- Attacks on or mining of roads, railways, lines and pipelines, transport facilities, columns of persons, and military or civilian convoys;
- Abductions, the seizure of hostages, and the pillaging or killing of peaceful inhabitants or military personnel.

In the event of a violation of the provisions of this paragraph, the Parties may take appropriate independent defensive action and joint measures to put an end to the violation in question.

Page 2, 2. Within agreed time-limits:

... - The withdrawal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic shall be completed by the end of August 1996. To that end, joint working groups shall draw up a timetable for the stage-by-stage withdrawal and removal of the Provisional United Forces from the territory of the Chechen Republic and for its demilitarization.

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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	Page 1, Have agreed as follows: 1. The cease-fire and cessation of hostilities completely exclude: ... - Acts of terrorism or sabotage;

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 With the mediation of the representation of the OSCE: T. Guldemann

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, 2. Within agreed time-limits:
3. Joint working groups shall be established to monitor the implementation of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Protocol.
