

Country/entity	Tajikistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Protocol on the meeting of the delegation of the state commission of the republic of Tajikistan and field commanders of Karategin administration, held in Garm 15-16 September 1996
Date	16 Sep 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Tajikistani Civil War (1992 - 1997)

Ethnic marginalization formed a key feature in the Tajikistani Civil war when liberal democrat and Islamic groups from the Garm and Gorno-Badakhshan took up arms against the government of President Rahmon Nabyev. Members of Nabyev's government were predominantly from the regions of Leninabad and Kulyab. Anti-government protestors took to the street following the 1991 presidential elections, which caused the government to hand out arms to pro-government militias. Following clashes, anti-government factions captured the President and forced him to resign at gun-point. A new government under the Kulyabi native, Emomali Rahmonov, who fended off democratic and Islamist militias. Eventually, with support from Islamist factions in Afghanistan, the opposition united under the United Tajik Opposition umbrella. In 1994, the UN deployed a peacekeeping force to monitor the 1994 ceasefire agreement. A peace agreement was signed in 1997 and completely removed the Leninabad 'old guard' from power.

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Tajikistani Civil War (1992 - 1997)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Tajikistan peace process
Parties	(signed) Amirkul Azimov, Chairman of the Government Commission (signed) Mr. Mirzokhuja Nizomov, Head of the Delegation of UTO field Commanders in Kosmolobad, Garm, Tajikabad and Djirgatal districts

Third parties Negotiations were mediated by the United Nations Organisation represented by Gen. Hasan Abaza and the Joint Commission for the Implementation of the Tehran Agreement.

(signed) General Hasan Abaza, UNMOT Chief Military Observer

Description Parties agreed to specific acts to demilitarise and de-escalate conflict, prior to more substantive talks.

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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

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1. To remove check points set up by the military formations on both sides in the area of Djirgatal and Tajikabad.

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3. To allow the UTO members to travel without arms in the district centres of Tajikabad, Garm and Djirgatal.

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5. For the period of redeployment of the check point of the Government armed forces in Langari Shoh (Tajikabad districts) to other place, with the view of monitoring to create a joint commission which will include two representatives of each side and one representative of the Military Prosecutor's Office of Tajikistan.

6. Control over the Government check points in Labi Jar and Chorsada rests with the Military Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of the Interior, the Presidential Guard and two UTO representatives.

7. The sides agreed to provide free movement of transport and people along the Dushanbe-Djirgatal road.

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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

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With the view to provide the implementation of the agreements reached during the third phase of the fifth round of inter-Tajik talks in Ashgabad, to ensure effective ceasefire and cessation of military actions in Komsomolobad, Garm, Tajikabad and Djirgatal districts, to stabilise the situation in these areas and to make them a peaceful zone, participants of the meeting agreed to complete the following prior before finding the solution to political problems during the upcoming rounds of inter-Tajik talks:

1. To remove check points set up by the military formations on both sides in the area of Djirgatal and Tajikabad.
2. To re-instate Government Interior and Security bodies in Djirgatal and Tajikabad districts and create conditions for their effective work.
3. To allow the UTO members to travel without arms in the district centres of Tajikabad, Garm and Djirgatal.
4. As an exception and in concurrence with the appropriate bodies of Tajikabad, Garm and Djirgatal districts to give an opportunity to UTO commanders to have two armed bodyguards.
5. For the period of redeployment of the check point of the Government armed forces in Langari Shoh (Tajikabad districts) to other place, with the view of monitoring to create a joint commission which will include two representatives of each side and one representative of the Military Prosecutor's Office of Tajikistan.
6. Control over the Government check points in Labi Jar and Chorsada rests with the Military Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of the Interior, the Presidential Guard and two UTO representatives.
7. The sides agreed to provide free movement of transport and people along the Dushanbe-Djirgatal road.
8. Disputable issues will be jointly considered and investigated.
9. The Protocol will enter into force on 17 September 1996.

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 Negotiations were mediated by the United Nations Organisation represented by Gen. Hasan Abaza and the Joint Commission for the Implementation of the Tehran Agreement.

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Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.
