Country/entity	China Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Russia Tajikistan
Region	Asia and Pacific Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement between Russian Federation, Republic of Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and People's Republic of China on Confidence Building in the Military Field in the Border Area
Date	26 Apr 1996
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	Russia-China-Central Asian borders interstate process

Parties	For the Russian Federation: B. YELTSIN JIANG Zemin For the Republic of Kazakstan: N. NAZARBAEV For the Kyrgyz Republic: A. AKAEV For the Republic of Tajikistan: E. RAKHMONOV For the People's Republic of China: JIANG Zemin
Third parties	-
Description	This agreement provides for border security and confidence measures between the five parties to the agreement. It calls for military disclosure when the parties are undertaking border and naval exercises and for reduction of troop levels in the border areas. It also allows the parties to observe and inspect troop movements in each territory upon invitation.

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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	Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7 1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes: ... 2.2 Participation in national holiday celebrations at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	[Summary] The entire Agreement concerns confidence building measures in the military field in the border area cross neighbouring states.

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	Page 9-10, Annex, Article 10 ... 1.5 Cooperation by administrative echelons, in construction, the provision of food, clothing and equipment to troops and other fields;
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	Page 11, Annex, Article 12 The border troops (border units) of the Parties shall not use inhuman or rough treatment in dealing with border violators. The use of weapons by the border personnel of the Parties shall be determined by the domestic legislation of the Parties and the corresponding agreements of the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, Krygyzstan and Tajikistan with China.
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	Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7 1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes: ... 2.2 Participation in national holiday celebrations at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk. Page 9-10, Annex, Article 10 ... 1.6 Reciprocal invitations, on a voluntary basis, to participate in the celebration of national holidays, cultural activities and sporting competitions;

Environment

Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7

1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes:

1.1 To eliminate the consequences of natural disasters;

Page 11, Annex, Article 11

1. The Parties' border troops (border units) shall develop cooperation in the following areas:

...

1.4 Timely notification and provision of mutual assistance in cases of natural disasters, epidemics, epizootic diseases and so forth which may cause damage to the other Party;

Water or riparian rights or access

Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7

1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes:

1.1 To eliminate the consequences of natural disasters;

1.2 To travel across the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border without inflicting any damage.

2. Russian river-going naval combat vessels may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on the eastern section of the Russian-Chinese border for the following purposes:

2.1 Repair, upgrading, weapons removal, ship-breaking and refitting for civilian use at the ship-repair yards at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk or other ship-repair yards;

2.2 Participation in national holiday celebrations at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk.

3. Temporary entry of river-going naval or naval-forces combat vessels into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for purposes not indicated above may only be carried out following prior agreement
between the Parties.

4. The total number of each Party's river-going naval or naval-forces combat vessels simultaneously located in the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border shall not exceed four vessels.

5. Six months after the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall, pursuant to articles 1 and 2 of this article, inform each other, in writing within a period of seven days through the diplomatic channel or through the intermediary of border representatives, of the temporary entry by rivergoing naval or naval-forces combat vessels into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border. In emergencies, the other Party must receive prior notification before river-going naval or naval-forces combat vessels may enter the said zone temporarily.

6. Such notification shall contain the following information:

6.1 Purpose of the temporary entry;

6.2 Type, vessel numbers and number of incoming river-going naval or naval forces combat vessels;

6.3 Date on which presence in the zone will start and finish;

6.4 Their temporary location (geographical name and geographical coordinates).

Security sector

Security Guarantees

Entire Agreement concerns confidence building measures in the military field in the border area.

Page 3-4, Annex, Article 1

The armed forces of the Parties which are stationed in the border area as an integral part of the Parties' armed forces shall not be used to attack the other Party or carry out any military activity threatening the other Party and disturbing tranquillity and stability in the border area.

Article 2

1. In order to develop relations of good-neighbourliness and friendship, maintain a situation of long-term stability in the border area, and strengthen mutual trust in the military field in the border area, the Parties shall undertake the following measures:

1.1 They shall exchange information on the agreed components of the armed forces and the border troops (border units);

1.2 They shall not conduct military exercises directed against the other Party;

1.3 They shall limit the scale, geographical scope and number of military exercises;

1.4 They shall give notification of any large-scale military activity and troop movements resulting from emergency situations;

1.5 They shall give notification of the temporary entry of troops and weapons into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border between the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, on the one hand, and China, on the other (hereinafter referred to as the border);

1.6 They shall invite observers to military exercises, on a reciprocal basis;

1.7 They shall give notification of the temporary entry of river-going combat vessels of navies or naval forces into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the eastern part of the Russian-Chinese border;

1.8 They shall take measures to prevent hazardous military activity;

1.9 They shall inquire about unclear situations;

1.10 They shall strengthen friendly contacts between military personnel of the armed forces and the border troops (border units) in the border area and shall carry out other confidence-building measures agreed upon by the Parties.

2. The application of the measures listed above is defined in detail in the corresponding articles of this Agreement.

Article 3
1. The Parties shall exchange information regarding the size of the personnel and the number of basic types of weapons and military equipment of the ground troops, air forces, air-defence air forces and border troops (border units) stationed in the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border.

Page 5, Annex, Article 4

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	Page 13, Annex, Article 13 On the basis of agreement by the Parties, meetings of experts shall be conducted in order to discuss the implementation of this Agreement. The capitals of the States Parties to this Agreement shall alternately be the venue of such meetings.
