

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Russian-Chechen Truce Agreement: Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of Relations between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic [Khasavyut Accord]
Date	25 Aug 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	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Chechnya peace process
Parties	Russian Federation, signed for by A. Lebed & A. Maskhadov; Chechen Republic, signed for by S-Kh. Abumuslimov

Third parties	In the presence of the Head of the Special Task Group of the OSCE for Chechnya, Mr. T. Guldemann (not a signatory)
Description	Postponed a decision on the status of Chechnya, calling for an agreement on a treaty for regulating Russian-Chechen relations to be made before 31 December 2001. Also stipulated the creation of Joint Commission of Russian and Chechen representatives to prepare for the withdrawal of Russian forces from Chechnya, combat 'crime and terrorism', draw up proposals for economic reconstruction, implement programmes for rebuilding of infrastructure, and control supply and distribution of food and medical aid. Joint commitment to agreement made by parties on 31 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 Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination
Page 1, We, the undersigned,...embarking upon the universally recognized right of nations to self-determination, upon the principles of equality, freedom of choice, freedom expression of will, strengthening of international accord and security of all nations, exercising the will towards the defence of human and civil rights regardless of his or her nationality, religious affiliations, place of residence and other differences...

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Religious groups Groups→Religious groups→Anti-discrimination
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Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups Groups→Other groups→Anti-discrimination
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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 Page 1, We, the undersigned, taking into account the progress achieved towards the ending of the warfare, endeavouring to create a mutually acceptable basis for the political solution of the armed conflict, recognizing that it is prohibited to use armed forces or to threaten the use of force as a means towards the resolution of issues under dispute, embarking upon the universally recognized right of nations to self-determination, upon the principles of equality, freedom of choice, freedom expression of will, strengthening of international accord and security of all nations, exercising the will towards the defence of human and civil rights regardless of his or her nationality, religious affiliations, place of residence and other differences, towards the ending of acts of violence in relations of political adversaries, which at the same time embarking upon the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1949 and upon the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights of 1966, have jointly worked out the Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic according to which the further peace process shall be developed:

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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 Page 1, Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic

1. The treaty regulating the basis fundamentals of relations between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic, to be governed by the universally accepted principles and norms of the international law, shall have been reached prior to 31 December, 2001.

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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation

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Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Thought, opinion, conscience and religion

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other

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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	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 1, Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic ... 2. No later than 1 October, 1996, a Joint Commission shall have been formed, constituted by the representatives of the state authorities of the Russian Federation and of the Chechen Republic, the duties of which shall be as follows: -- to prepare proposals for the reconstruction of currency, fiscal and budgetary relations; Page 1, Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic ... 2. No later than 1 October, 1996, a Joint Commission shall have been formed, constituted by the representatives of the state authorities of the Russian Federation and of the Chechen Republic, the duties of which shall be as follows: -- to prepare for the enactment by the Government of the Russian Federation of programmes for the rebuilding of the socio-economic infrastructure of the Chechen Republic; Page 1, Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic ... 2. No later than 1 October, 1996, a Joint Commission shall have been formed, constituted by the representatives of the state authorities of the Russian Federation and of the Chechen Republic, the duties of which shall be as follows: -- to control the agreed forms of cooperation of the state authorities and other relevant organizations concerning the supply and distribution of food and medical aid among the population.
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 1, Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic
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Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
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-- to assume control over the implementation of the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation issues on 25 June, 1996, under No. 985, and to prepare proposals concerning the completion of the withdrawal of the armed forces;

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, Page 1, Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic ... 2. No later than 1 October, 1996, a Joint Commission shall have been formed, constituted by the representatives of the state authorities of the Russian Federation and of the Chechen Republic, the duties of which shall be as follows: -- to initiate joint undertakings directed towards the combat of crime, terrorism and nationalist and religious prejudices, and to control their implementation;

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.
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Other international signatory	No specific mention.
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Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
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International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
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Enforcement mechanism	2. establishes Joint Commission consisting of reps of Russian Federation and the Chechen Rep to prepare proposals for troop withdrawal, combatting violence, socio-economic infrastructure, budgetary and fiscal relations, distribution of food and medical aid
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Related cases	No specific mention.
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