Agreement “On Urgent Measures to Stop Fire and Combat Operations in the City of Grozny and on the Territory of Chechnya”

Signed by Alexander Lebed and Aslan Maskhadov on August 22, 1996

1. To stop fire and combat operations as of 1200 on 23 August 1996 and to begin an exchange, without any preconditions and based on the “all for all” principle, of prisoners, refugees and bodies of the dead.

1.2. In the event of violation of provisions of this point, the sides can take joint measures to cut short such a violation. In other cases, they are obligated to act in conformity with the requirements of the Manual of Garrison and Guard Duties of the Russian Federation Armed Forces.

2. To carry into effect a set of mutually specified and agreed measures on the simultaneous withdrawal of troops to specified areas.

3. The troops shall be withdrawn together with all the arms and ammunition, with the mutual provision of information on the number and strength and arms of formations being withdrawn.

4. To carry out the withdrawal of all warring sides from the city of Grozny and to concurrently set up joint military commandant’s offices organized on the basis of the federal troops commandant offices.

5. The sides shall refrain from any actions or statements hampering implementation of this agreement.¹

6. The control over the observance of all the points in this agreement shall be carried out by an observer commission in correspondence with instructions of the Russian Federation Security Council secretary.

7. The withdrawal of federal troops from the territory of the Chechen Republic and the unblocking of built-up areas shall be implemented in correspondence with the Nazran agreement.

¹ Number corresponding to received copy.