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Country/ entity	Georgia Russia Ossetia
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Memorandum on Measures of Providing Safety and Strengthening of Mutual Confidence between the Sides in the Georgian-Ossetian Conflict
Date	16 May 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Georgian Separatist Conflicts (1989 -))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	South Ossetia peace process
Parties	the Georgian side : the South Ossetian side: The Republic of North Ossetia-Alania (the Russian Federation) The Russian Federation:
Third parties	Through the mediation of: OSCE
Description	Short agreement outlining provisions for the de-militarization of the conflict zone, a re-commitment to the peace effort, an amnesty for those who did not commit military crimes or crimes against civilians during fighting, a tentative mention of peacekeeping forces, and the limiting of check points, as well as the involvement of civil forces.

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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	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 1, Agreed on the following: ... 3. The sides will carry out real measures to provide worthy settlement of the issue of refugees an internally displaced person, who suffered in the Georgian-Ossetian conflict.
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) Page 1, guiding by the principle of territorial integrity of states and right of people for self-determination;

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination Page 1, guiding by the principle of territorial integrity of states and right of people for self-determination;

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

Page 2, 8. The sides express readiness jointly and with assistance of International organizations including NGOs to hold meetings of representatives of the Georgian and Ossetian political and social organizations, scientists with participation of the representatives of the Russian Federation and other countries, “round tables” of the representatives of creative intelligence, also to organize meetings of journalists so as to exchange objective information. The side will take measures for safe movement and staying of the representatives of Mass Media.

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, confirming the adeptness to the regulations of the UNO Charter, basic principles and decisions of OSCE, to internationally recognized norms of international law; Page 1, Agreed on the following: ... 2. The sides will take all the necessary measures on preventing and suppressing any unlawful activities, infringing the rights of people on their nationality belonging;
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	Page 1, confirming the adeptness to the regulations of the UNO Charter, basic principles and decisions of OSCE, to internationally recognized norms of international law;
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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
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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.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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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 No specific mention.

Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments</p> <p>Page 1, Agreed on the following:</p> <p>1. The sides in the conflict refuse from using or the threat of using force, from putting political, economic and other forms of pressure to each other.</p> <p>Page 2, 6. On the way of full scale settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict the zone will be de-militarized step-by-step on the basis of special agreements. Peacekeeping forces may present in the demilitarized zone.</p> <p>Page 2, 7. The sides think it expedient to elaborate in frames of the Joint Control Commission a plan of stage-by-stage cutting down of the number of checkpoints of the Peacekeeping forces, lessening their concentration in places of permanent dislocation, organizing their service with consideration of providing the safety of people.</p>
Police	<p>Page 2, 4. The sides agree that those who took part in the armed conflict but who didn't commit military crimes and also crimes against civil people are not subjected to criminal pursuit. In the near future the sides will create necessary conditions for the work of law-enforcement bodies on the investigation of the mentioned crimes and call to account guilty persons.</p> <p>Page 2, 5. The sides successfully stress the positive character of practicing regular meetings of the representatives of law-enforcement bodies and will comprehensively assist to their work on recovery of criminal situation in the conflict zone.</p>
Armed forces	<p>Page 1, successfully stating that on the basis of the Agreement on the principles of settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict and engaging Joint Peacekeeping forces in July 1992 military activities in the conflict zone were ceased;</p>
DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 2, 6. On the way of full scale settlement of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict the zone will be de-militarized step-by-step on the basis of special agreements. Peacekeeping forces may present in the demilitarized zone.</p>
Intelligence services	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>No specific mention.</p>

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 Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
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Courts Transitional justice→Courts→National courts
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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 Through the meditation of: CSCE

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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