

**Peace Agreement Access Tool PA-X <https://pax.peaceagreements.org/>**

Country/ entity	Georgia Abkhazia
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Memorandum of understanding between the Georgian and Abkhaz sides at the negotiations held in Geneva
Date	1 Dec 1993
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Georgian Separatist Conflicts (1989 - ) )
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Abkhazia peace process
Parties	For the Georgian side (Jaba Ioseliani) For the Abkhaz side (Sokrat Jinjolia)
Third parties	In the presence of: For the United Nations (Edouard Brunner) Russian Federation (Boris Pastukhov) CSCE (Vincenzo Manno)
Description	Commitment not to use force or threat of force for period of negotiations. Maintenance of peace to be promoted by increase in international observers and use of peace-keeping forces. Also provided for exchange of prisoners of war before 20 December in gesture of good will; urgent measures to find missing persons; creation of conditions for return of refugees and return of land and property. Parties expressed hope for participation of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and appealed for humanitarian assistance. Agreed a group of experts would prepare recommendations on the political status of Abkhazia and set date for next round of negotiations.

## 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→Substantive  
Page 1, Agreement was reached concerning the following:  
... 4. The parties consider it their duty to find an urgent solution to the  
problem of refugees and displaced persons. They undertake to create  
conditions for the voluntary, safe and speedy return of refugees to the places  
of their permanent residence in all regions of Abkhazia. The apartments,  
houses, plots of land and property that they left shall be returned to all those  
refugees who return.  
The parties express the hope for participation by the Office of the United  
Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the solution to the problem of  
refugees.

Social class No specific mention.

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## Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) Page 2, 7. To prepare recommendations on the political status of Abkhazia, a group of experts, including representatives of the parties, the United Nations, the Russian Federation and CSCE will begin work in Moscow in early December 1993. The group will submit its report at the next round of negotiations.

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.

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## **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.

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## 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.

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## 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	Page 2, 7. To prepare recommendations on the political status of Abkhazia, a group of experts, including representatives of the parties, the United Nations, the Russian Federation and CSCE will begin work in Moscow in early December 1993. The group will submit its report at the next round of negotiations.

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## **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.

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## **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.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance  
Page 2, 5. The parties appeal to the international community to render assistance in re-establishing basic supply systems to the population in the conflict zone and to render to all victims of the conflict various types of humanitarian assistance.

Page 2, 6. The parties express the wish that for purposes of promoting economic recovery in the conflict zone an international commission be established with the participation of international and national organizations.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, 5. The parties appeal to the international community to render assistance in re-establishing basic supply systems to the population in the conflict zone and to render to all victims of the conflict various types of humanitarian assistance.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## 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.

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## Security sector

Security  
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
Page 1, Agreement was reached concerning the following:  
1. In accordance with the main provisions of the Sochi Agreement of 27 July 1993 on the cease-fire in Abkhazia and the mechanism for monitoring its observance, the parties commit themselves not to use force or the threat of force against each other for the period of the continuing negotiations to achieve a comprehensive political settlement of the conflict in Abkhazia.



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.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/ pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	Page 1, Agreement was reached concerning the following: ... 3. As a gesture of good will, the parties will exchange prisoners of war before 20 December 1993, in accordance with the principle of all for all, without any preconditions. Urgent measures will be taken to find those missing, for which purpose the parties will give each other the appropriate lists. In addition, measures will be taken for the reburial of the dead.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	Transitional justice→Reparations→Symbolic reparations Page 1, Agreement was reached concerning the following: ... 3. As a gesture of good will, the parties will exchange prisoners of war before 20 December 1993, in accordance with the principle of all for all, without any preconditions. Urgent measures will be taken to find those missing, for which purpose the parties will give each other the appropriate lists. In addition, measures will be taken for the reburial of the dead.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory	In the presence of: For the United Nations (Edouard Brunner)
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Other international signatory	In the presence of: Russian Federation (Boris Pastukhov) CSCE (Vincenzo Manno)
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	Page 1, Agreement was reached concerning the following: ... 2. The parties consider that the maintenance of peace would be promoted by an increase in the number of international observers in the zone of conflict and by the use of international peace-keeping forces, subject to agreement by the Security Council and the Secretary-General.
Enforcement mechanism	2. Maintenance of peace to be promoted by increase in international observers and use of peace-keeping forces. 8. date for next round of negotiations under aegis of UN, with facilitation of Russia, and participation of CSCE
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	UN Peacemaker; <a href="http://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/GE_931201_MoUGeorgianAndAbkhazSides.pdf">http://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/GE_931201_MoUGeorgianAndAbkhazSides.pdf</a>

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