

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Decree of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Federal Assembly: On the Situation in the Chechen Republic
Date	10 Oct 1996
Agreement status	Unilateral document
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.

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Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Chechnya peace process
Parties	Federation Council of the Russian Federation Federal Assembly
Third parties	-
Description	-

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Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
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Disabled persons	No specific mention.
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Elderly/age	No specific mention.
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Migrant workers	No specific mention.
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Racial/ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
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Religious groups	No specific mention.
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Indigenous people	No specific mention.
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Other groups	No specific mention.
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Refugees/displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 2, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees: 6. To recommend to the government of the Russian Federation to urgently elaborate and put to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation a draft federal law on apartment (housing) promissory notes for person who left the Chechen Republic during the period of the armed conflict, as well as envisage in the 1997 federal budget funds for the resettlement of forced refugees and resettlers.
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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.



State definition

Nature of state (general)

Page 1, following the Russian Federation's commitments, under the international law to protect with all legal means the unity and territorial integrity of the state,

Page 1, underlining the inadmissibility of a unilateral change in the status of a component of the Russian Federation,

Page 1, confirming the constitutional status of the Chechen Republic as an inalienable part of the Russian Federation,

Page 1, drawing attention to the illegality of passing legal acts which contradict the Constitution of the Russian Federation, grossly violating the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the territory of the Chechen Republic,

Page 1, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. ... The bodies of state power of the Russian Federation and official shall carry out their activities on a peaceful settlement of the situation in the Chechen Republic in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation which defines the Chechen Republic as a component of the Russian Federation, its inalienable part.

Page 2, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees:

5. To recommend to the government of the Russian Federation together with the legislative (representative) body of the Chechen Republic – a component of the Russian Federation – to come forward with a legislative initiative on the elaboration of a draft federal law “On a Federal Special Program on Rebuilding the Economy and the Social Sphere of the Chechen Republic.”

Page 2, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees:

7. To task member of Federation Council delegations to discuss with delegations of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and international parliamentary organizations the situation in the Chechen Republic on condition that the dialogue should be based on mutual respect and the desire to as objectivity as possible depict what is happening, and the unconditional view of the Russian Federation as a sovereign state which guarantees its international law commitments.

State configuration Page 1, recognizing the right of peoples for self-determination and their equality within the framework of a single multinational federative state,

Self determination Page 1, recognizing the right of peoples for self-determination and their equality within the framework of a single multinational federative state,

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession	Page 1, making a stand against all manifestations of separatism and terrorism,
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Accession/unification	No specific mention.
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Border delimitation	No specific mention.
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Cross-border provision	No specific mention.
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Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
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Elections	No specific mention.
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Electoral commission	No specific mention.
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Political parties reform	No specific mention.
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Civil society	No specific mention.
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Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
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Public administration	No specific mention.
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Constitution	No specific mention.
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Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
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Territorial power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions</p> <p>Page 1, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees:</p> <p>1. ... To recognize it being necessary and in accordance with Articles 5, 11, 72, 77, and 78 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation to elaborate a draft agreement on the division of competence and powers between the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation and the legally elected bodies of power of the Chechen Republic.</p>
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Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Guided by the provisions of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, expressing a firm intention to bring about a real protection of the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the entire territory of the Russian Federation,

Page 1, following the Russian Federation's commitments, under the international law to protect with all legal means the unity and territorial integrity of the state,

Page 1, drawing attention to the illegality of passing legal acts which contradict the Constitution of the Russian Federation, grossly violating the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the territory of the Chechen Republic,

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	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups Page 1, Guided by the provisions of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, expressing a firm intention to bring about a real protection of the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the entire territory of the Russian Federation,
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Other	No specific mention.
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Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	Justice sector reform→Criminal justice and emergency law→Reform to specific laws Page 1, drawing attention to the illegality of passing legal acts which contradict the Constitution of the Russian Federation, grossly violating the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the territory of the Chechen Republic,
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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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 2, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees:
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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, condemning the organisation of repressions and harassment in any form with regard to persons who uphold the interests of the Russian Federation,
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 1, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees: 1. To approve the cessation of combat actions on the territory of the Chechen Republic. To regard the documents signed on 31 August 1996 in the town of Khasavyurt as evidence of the sides' readiness to resolve the conflict peacefully.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 2, The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees: 2. To resolutely condemn unilateral violations by unlawful armed formations the understanding reached on a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Chechen Republic, encroachment on security, life, freedom, and honour on the territory of the Chechen Republic.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	Page 1, making a stand against all manifestations of separatism and terrorism,

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	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
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