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Country/ entity	India Pakistan
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Agreement between India and Pakistan on Prevention of Air Space Violations and for Permitting over flights and landings by military aircraft
Date	6 Apr 1991
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/interstate conflict (India-Pakistan Conflict (1947 -) and the Pakistani Taliban (2001 -))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	India-Pakistan border and related process
Parties	Muchkund Dubey, Foreign Secretary for the Government of the Republic of India; Sharharyar M. Khan, Foreign Secretary for the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
Third parties	-
Description	Agreement outlines the provisions for accessing the airspace of India and Pakistan by the countries' military and civilian aircraft and the regulations that apply.

**Agreement
document** [IN_PK_910506_Prevention of Air Space Violations and for Permitting over flights.pdf](#)  | [Download PDF](#)

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	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 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.

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 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 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 No specific mention.

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, Article - 1,
Henceforth, both sides will take adequate measures to ensure, that aid violations of each other's airspace do not take place. However, if any inadvertent violation does take place, the incident will be promptly investigated and the Headquarters (HQ) of the other Air Force informed of the results without delay, through diplomatic channels.

Page 2, Article - 3,
Aerial Survey, Supply Dropping, Mercy and Rescue Missions,
In the event of a country having to undertake flights less than 1000 metres from the other's airspace including ADIZ [Air Defense Identification Zone], for purposes such as aerial survey, supply dropping for mercy missions and aerial rescue missions, the country concerned will give the following information in advance to their own Air Advisors for notification to the Air HQ of the other country:-

- a. Type of aircraft/helicopter.
- b. Height of flight within Plus/Minus 1000 ft.
- c. Block No. of days (normally not to exceed seven) days when flights are proposed to be undertaken.
- d. Proposed timing of flight, where possible.
- e. Area involved (in latitude and longitude).

No formal clearance would be required as the flights are being undertaken within own territory.

Page 2, Air Exercises Near Border
Article - 4,
In order to avoid any tension being created, prior notice be given with regard to air exercises, or any special air activity proposed to be undertaken close to each other's airspace including ADIZ [Air Defense Identification Zone], even through the limits as laid down in Article 2 are not likely to be infringed.

Page 5-6, [Summary] Appendix A, Conditions for grant of flight clearance for military aircraft of both countries are noted in Armed Forces.

Ceasefire

No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed
forces

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Page 1, Article - 2,
Subject to Articles 3, 4 and 6, the following restrictions are to be observed by military aircraft of both the forces:-
a. Combat aircraft (to include fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, jet military trainer and armed helicopter aircraft) will not fly within 10 kms of each other's airspace including ADIZ [Air Defense Identification Zone]. No aircraft of any side will enter the airspace over the territorial waters of the other country, except by prior permission.

Page 1, Article - 2
Subject to Articles 3, 4 and 6, the following restrictions are to be observed by military aircraft of both the forces:-
b. Unarmed transport and logistics aircraft including unarmed helicopters, and Air Observation Post (AOP) aircraft, will be permitted up to 1000 metres from each other's airspace including ADIZ [Air Defense Identification Zone].

Page 2, Communication between IAF [India Air Force] and PAF [Pakistan Air Force],
Article - 5,
In matters of safety and any air operations in emergency situations, the authorities designated by the respective Governments should contact each other by the quickest means of communications available. The Air Advisor shall be kept informed of such contacts. Matters of flight safety and urgent air operations should promptly be brought to the notice of the other side through the authorities designated by using the telephone line established between the Army Headquarters of the two countries.

Page 3, Operations from Air Fields close to the borders,
Article - 6,
Combat aircraft (as defined in Article 2 a. above) operating from the air base specified below will maintain a distance of 5 kms from each others airspace:-
a. Indian side
(1) Jammu
(2) Pathankot
(3) Amritsar
(4) Suratgarh
b. Pakistan Side
(1) Pasrur
(2) Lahore
(3) Vehari
(4) Rahim Yar Khan

Page 3, Flights of Military Aircraft through each other's Air Space
Article - 7
Military aircraft may fly through each other's airspace with the permission of the other country and subject to conditions specified in Appendix A to this agreement.

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.

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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