

Country/entity	China Russia
Region	Asia and Pacific Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Supplementary Agreement between the People 's Republic of China and the Russian Federation on the Eastern Section of the Sino-Russian Border
Date	14 Oct 2004
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Interstate/interstate conflict

Sino-Soviet Border Conflict (1969 - 1991)

Lasting 7 months, this undeclared border war erupted at the height of the Sino-Soviet split in March 1969 in the area of Zhenbao on the Wusuli River. Ten years earlier, the two allies had stood as champions of communism. Indeed, Soviet Russia played a key role in supporting Communist rebels against the nationalist Koumintang. However, relations soured over differences in ideology and leadership and although a border treaty was drawn up in 1965, Nikita Krushchev refused to sign after allegations by Mao Zedong were leaked that Tsarist Russia had stripped China of its historical territory. Accounts of the conflict vary between Chinese and Russian historians. Nonetheless, a People's Liberation Army raid on a Soviet border outpost on March 2, 1969 left over a hundred dead. Although, the conflict brought both countries to the brink of a greater war, with troops amassing on both sides, this outcome was avoided. The conflict was formally ended in September 1991 with the first border demarcation agreement. Other agreements were signed with formerly-Soviet States included Kazakhstan.

Close

Sino-Soviet Border Conflict (1969 - 1991)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	China-Russia border dispute peace process
Parties	Russian Federation Representative Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov [Signature] People's Republic of China Representative Li Zhaoxing [Signature]
Third parties	-
Description	Supplementary Agreement to the 1991 Border agreement, clarifying the border between points 7 and 8, and 10 and 11 on the Eastern Sector.

Agreement document [CN_RU_041014_Supplementary Agreement on the Eastern Section_EN.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

Agreement document (original language) [CN_RU_040101_Supplementary Agreement on the Eastern Section_CN.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#)

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 [Summary] The entire agreement delineates the border between China and Russia in the Eastern Sector.

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 [Summary] The entire agreement deals with delineating the border between Russia and China, which is marked by the main channel of the river Hailar (Argun)

Page 2, Second Clause:

In order to determine the border line which is described in the first clause of this supplementary agreement, the Contracting Parties decided, on the basis of equity, to establish a united Boundary Demarcation Committee and also to give said Committee the task of marking out the border to determine the exact position of the centreline of the main channel of the boundary river, the centreline of the river, or of the main stream. Also according to this supplementary agreement's third clause, to determine the ownership of the islands and islets in the rivers, to erect landmarks, draw up border demarcation documents, draw detailed border maps, and to resolve and complete the various specific issues related to the above-mentioned task.

Page 2, Third Clause

The Contracting Parties agree that the navigable part of the river of the border line, as described in this supplementary agreement's first clause, runs along the centreline of the main channel. The non-navigable part of the river runs along the centreline of the water flow or main stream. The exact position of the main channel and what is regarded as the centreline of the border's main channel, the river or the main stream's centreline and the rivers islands and islets whose ownership is divided in view of the above, will be specifically defined during the time in which Sino-Russian border is being demarcated. The main basis for determining the main channel is the depth of water combined with the main channel's width, the radius of curvature should also be taken into consideration. The centreline of the main channel is indicated by the centreline of the water surface in between the main channel's two corresponding isobaths. The basis for determining the main stream is the rate of flow at the mid-water level.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

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.

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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