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Country/ entity	Georgia Russia Abkhazia
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	The Provisional Mechanism for the Prevention and Settlement of Disputes - Technical Arrangements between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia and the Head of the Mission of the European Union Monitoring Mission
Date	3 Nov 2008
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Georgian Separatist Conflicts (1989 -))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Abkhazia peace process
Parties	Minister of Interior of the Government of Georgia Ivane Merabishvili
Third parties	Head of EU Monitoring Mission Ambassador Hansjorg Haber
Description	Agreement outlines dispute and information exchange mechanisms between EU, Georgian and Russian authorities on three levels to adhere to the principles listed. Other clauses emphasise information exchange, the withdrawal of Russian forces, to be exchanged with Georgian police forces - who will be clearly marked, and not have heavy weaponry. The EUMM has the right to inspect at any time.

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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→Substantive Page 1, Untitled Section 1, The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles: ... Normalisation: ... - Return of IDPs
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	Page 1, Untitled Section 1, The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles: ... Normalisation: ... - Engagement of international aid agencies.
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, Untitled Section 1, The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles:
... Normalisation:
... - Return of the rule of law;

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance
Page 1, Untitled Section 1,
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... - Engagement of international aid agencies.

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 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:
... The MoIA will inform EUMM of any arrangements made with the Russian side on security matters, including transit and movement of forces and equipment.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments
Page 1, Untitled Section 1,
The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles:
Stabilisation:
... - Absence of Georgian armed forces from zones adjacent to Abkhazia and South Ossetia;

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:
... It is understood that the armed forces of Georgia, which are under the MoD, will not deploy to the areas.

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:
... The MoIA will inform EUMM in advance of any deployment of armed vehicles (in particular Cobras) in the direction of and into the areas.

Police

Page 1, Untitled Section 1,

The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles:

Stabilisation:

... - Regulation of the presence (if any) of special Georgian police units and prevention of irregular armed groups.

Page 1, Untitled Section 1,

The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles:

... Normalisation:

- Return of regular Georgian police to the area;

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:

... The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA) will inform the EUMM of any forces that it plans to deploy in the zones adjacent to Abkhazia and South Ossetia (hereafter referred to as “the areas”), during and following the withdrawal of Russian forces and also on police forces that are already in the areas under Georgian control.

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:

... More specifically, MoIA will provide a detailed breakdown of the number of forces for the different locations, including the type of weaponry these police forces have available. This information will cover regular police forces as well as special police forces.

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:

... Transparency and predictability will be provided by the MoIA, including through a clear policy of visibility with respect to the uniforms, vehicles and other equipment used by the various police forces. Regular police, including Criminal Investigation Department as well as Special police, will have clearly distinguishable uniforms in order to avoid misunderstandings. Urgent efforts must be made to improve the identification of uniforms and vehicles when the latter resemble army units’, by providing additional and temporary identification, such as highly visible arm bands or badges and vehicle stripes or stickers. Identification marks will be systematically applied and colors will be mutually agreed.

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:

... The MoIA commits not to deploy heavy armaments in the areas, not any mortars. The MoIA also commits to strictly control and restrict any deployment of sniper rifles. Sniper rifles will be kept in police offices and may be deployed in the field only in reaction to a direct attack.

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:

... The MoIA recognizes the EUMM’s right to perform unannounced inspections on these matters and will inform the police forces of this disposition.

Page 3, Incident Reporting

EUMM and MoIA agree to set up an incident reporting mechanism. In particular, the MoIA will instruct its police forces to report any incident threatening or involving the use of arms to a central point of contact in the MoIA (POC). This POC will report the incident immediately to

Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level: ... The MoIA will also provide information to EUMM about any armed irregulars in the areas.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	Page 1, Untitled Section 1, The mechanism should provide assurances of stability through information and consultation based on the following principles: Stabilisation: - Withdrawal of Russian forces; Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level: ... The Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA) will inform the EUMM of any forces that it plans to deploy in the zones adjacent to Abkhazia and South Ossetia (hereafter referred to as “the areas”), during and following the withdrawal of Russian forces and also on police forces that are already in the areas under Georgian control.

Corruption Page 1, Exchange of Information and Dispute Settlement:
The mechanism will consist of a system of consultations at three levels:
... 2. At EUMM Head of Mission, Georgian Ministry of Interior level and equivalent Russian counterpart, a mechanism for dealing with transparency, major incidents and disputes.

Page 2, Mechanisms at the Operational level:
Both sides agree that the prevention and resolution of conflicts will depend on high level of transparency, to be provided by all sides, as a condition for confidence building measures. It is understood that EUMM will seek transparency on both sides. In this context, the following is agreed.

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Page 3, Final Article
Both sides endeavor to negotiate with the Russian side mechanisms for transparency (exchange of information) and incident reporting.

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	Head of EU Monitoring Mission Ambassador Hansjorg Haber
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.

International mission/
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source (Archive of the EUMM in Georgia)²⁰
Source: www.rrc.ge/law/MorigebebOrive_10_10_2008_E.htm
