

<b>Country/entity</b>	Russia Ukraine
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports
<b>Date</b>	22 Jul 2022
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Interstate/interstate conflict

#### **Ukraine - Russia interstate conflict [2022-]**

The Russo-Ukrainian conflict, which began in 2014, escalated in February 2022 with the initiation of a full-scale invasion by Russia against Ukraine. The conflict stems from the ousting of pro-Russian Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and the subsequent pro-Russian unrest in the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine, as well as Russia's annexation of Crimea. The war in Donbas between Ukraine and Russian proxies remained a violent and static conflict, despite the signing of the Minsk II agreements in 2015 aimed at resolving the conflict.

In the lead up to the invasion, Russia had increased its military presence near its border with Ukraine, which prompted international criticism. On February 21, 2022, Russia officially recognized the Donetsk People's Republic and the Luhansk People's Republic as independent states. Three days later, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine, leading to the initiation of the full-scale invasion. The invasion resulted in widespread international sanctions, condemnation, and significant human and economic losses, including a major refugee crisis and tens of thousands of casualties.

Close  
Ukraine - Russia interstate conflict [2022-]

<b>Stage</b>	Ceasefire/related
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Ukraine - Russia: interstate agreements

**Parties**

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Signed:

For Ukraine:

Oleksandr Kubrakov

Minister of Infrastructure

For the Republic of Türkiye:

Hulusi Akar

Minister of National Defense

**Third parties**

Witnessed:

For the United Nations:

António Guterres

Secretary General

**Description**

In this interstate agreement the parties agree to provide safe routes for transporting grain and other foodstuffs from Ukrainian ports, through the Black Sea and through to the Mediterranean. The agreement sets out procedures for establishing a Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) and a set of inspection teams to be based in Turkey and ban the approach of military ships, aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) to the maritime humanitarian corridor within a distance to be defined by the JCC. The agreement is understood to have been signed separately by Ukraine and Russia, and the copy available was signed by Ukraine. However, the agreement notes Russia as a party and Russian Federation is listed as an agreement party in PA-X.

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**Agreement document**

[UA\\_222207\\_Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports\\_Ukraine side.pdf \(opens in new tab\)](#) | [Download PDF](#)

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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** No specific mention.

**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 1:  
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**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** No specific mention.

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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**

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D. Merchant vessels will be prior registered in the JCC, verifying their details and confirming their loading port, having liaised closely with port authorities. Vessels will be technically monitored for the duration of their passage. Vessels will proceed through the maritime humanitarian corridor, agreed by all Parties. The JCC will develop and disseminate a detailed operational and communications plan, including identification of safe harbours and medical relief options.

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F. Should any suspicious activities, or non-compliance with the rules of this operation or emergencies occur on a vessel transiting the maritime humanitarian corridor, depending on its location, upon the request of a Party to the JCC and under international maritime law, the Parties will provide the required assistance to the crew or conduct an inspection against the security guarantees.

G. All merchant vessels taking part in this Initiative shall be subject to inspection conducted by an Inspection Team in the harbours determined by Türkiye at the entry/exit to/from the Turkish strait.

**Protection measures**

No specific mention.

**Other**

No specific mention.

## **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** No specific mention.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business**

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**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** Page 1:

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## Security sector

### Security Guarantees

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### Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

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### Police

No specific mention.

### Armed forces

No specific mention.

<b>DDR</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Intelligence services</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.

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**Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reparations</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Reconciliation</b>	No specific mention.

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**Implementation****UN signatory**

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Secretary General

**Other international  
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**Referendum for  
agreement**

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**International mission/force/similar**

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**Enforcement mechanism**

No specific mention.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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