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Country/ entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Decree of the President of the Russian Federation ('Yeltsin's Peace Plan')
Date	31 Mar 1996
Agreement status	Unilateral document
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Chechnya peace process
Parties	B. YELTSIN from the Russian Federation
Third parties	-
Description	Initiative from Yeltsin with two main aspects, the gradual withdrawal of federal troops, and signals of a readiness to negotiate. Loose process sketched out as including free and democratic elections in Republic; devolution of power; culmination in a treaty delimiting powers with the possibility of eventual resolution of Chechnya's status. At this time Yeltsin issued an order to the Russian military to cease offensive military operations.

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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.

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, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are: ... (f) Negotiations on the particularities of the status of the Chechen Republic among plenipotentiary representatives of federal organs of state power and the Chechen Republic;
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/secession	Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are: ... (f) Negotiations on the particularities of the status of the Chechen Republic among plenipotentiary representatives of federal organs of state power and the Chechen Republic;
Accession/unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are: ... (g) The drafting and signing of a Treaty on the demarcation of the boundaries of jurisdiction and authority between the organs of state power of the Russian Federation and those of the Chechen Republic.
Cross-border provision	No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are: ... (e) The preparation and conducting of free democratic election for the legislative (representative) organ of state power in the Chechen Republic;
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.
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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 Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are:
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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→Socio-economic development
Page 1-2, 4. To the government of the Russian Federation:
... to frame and present within ten days a draft of the Decree by the President of the Russian Federation on the allocation of financial resources destined for the Chechen Republic, and on means of supervision to prevent the abuse of those resources.

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 No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are:
(a) The cessation of military operation in the territory of the Chechen Republic after 24:00 on 31 March 1996;

Police No specific mention.

Armed
forces No specific mention.

DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions</p> <p>Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are:</p> <p>... (b) The gradual removal of federal forces currently in the Chechen Republic back into their administrative area, in accordance with the plan for the relocation of the troops;</p> <p>... (c) A broadening of the zone of accord, security, and peace, the conducting of disarmament negotiations, the signing of protocols for peace and accord by representative of the Chechen Republic Government, by leaders of the temporary joint forces of the Russian Federation, and the administration of the region and settled areas of the Chechen Republic;</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	Page 1, 1. To establish that, in accordance with the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Republic, which has been approved by the Security Council of the Russian Federation and upheld by the President of the Russian Federation, the main directions for realizing this are:
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	Page 2, 5. To present to the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Federal Border Control of the Russian Federation, and the Federal security officers of the Russian Federation a plan of action, within five days, for the prevention of terrorist activity at the concluding stages of the resolution of the crisis in the Chechen Republic...

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper Page 1, 2. To recommend to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation to make an urgent decree of amnesty for the participants of armed conflicts in the Chechen Republic not guilty of grave crime.
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.
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Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism 3. to form a state commission of the Russian Federation of the resolution of the crisis in the Chechen Rep, with the aim of coordinating efforts by the Federal govt to normalize the situation in the Chechen Rep, and of supervising the carrying out of the Program for resolving the crisis in the Chechen Rep

Related cases No specific mention.

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