

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	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)

The First Chechen War (1995 - 1997)

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, relations between the Federal Russian government with the over 100 ethnic groups deteriorated as demands for autonomy became a major political issue. In March 1992, a federation treaty was drafted and by 1994 the treaty was signed between 87 of the 88 federal jurisdictions and central government, with Chechnya being the exception. The conflict erupted in 1991 following the death of the head of the Communist Party in Grozny when a faction of the USSR's dissolved military stormed Party Headquarters. Russian forces failed to re-take Grozny and in 1993 the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria announced its independence. Violence and discrimination preceded economic stagnation as non-Chechnens fled the region, and eventually an undeclared civil war broke out as the Chechen opposition attempted a counter-coup against the Chechen ruler Dzhokhar Dudayev. Following the dissolution of the Chechen Parliament in June 1993, a state of emergency was declared, and in December that year an other coup was attempted by the opposition. Issues of sovereignty spurred an assault by Russian troops in December 1994, marking the start of the first Chechen War wherein Russian troops faced four years of insurgency until a ceasefire was unilaterally declared in 1996. A peace treaty was signed in 1997 and Russian forces withdrew.

The Second Chechen War (1999 - 2004)

The inter-war period was marked by economic desolation, corruption and crime. Political polarization was rife, and religious extremism flourished. In August 1999, the Islamic International Brigade led by Shamil Basayev invaded the Russian Republic of Dagestan seeking to found an Islamic State, thereby sparking the Second Chechen War. In response, the Russian Federation began a bombing campaign against the Chechen government and eventually re-took Grozny. An insurgency began following the fall of the Chechen government and separatist attacks spurred an increasingly harsh response from the Kremlin. By 2006, the main separatist leaders had been killed, and the republic has been run by the pro-Russian government led by Ramzan Kadyrov since 2007.

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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:
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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.

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:
... (e) The preparation and conducting of free democratic election for the legislative (representative) organ of state power in the Chechen Republic;

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 Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</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>(a) The cessation of military operation in the territory of the Chechen Republic after 24:00 on 31 March 1996;</p>
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	<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>
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.
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 I the Chechen Rep, with the aim of coordinating efforts by the Federal goct to normalize the situation in the Chechen Rep, and of supervising the carrying out of the Program for resolving the crisi in the Chechen Rep
Related cases	No specific mention.
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