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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Moldova Russia Transdniestria
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Joint Statement of the Presidents of the Russian Federation and Ukraine in Connection with the Signing of the Memorandum on the Bases for Normalization of Relations between the Republic of Moldova and Transdniestria
<b>Date</b>	8 May 1997
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Transdniestria War (1992) )
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Moldova Transdniestria process
<b>Parties</b>	Boris Yeltsin, Russian Federation, Leonid Kuchma, Ukraine
<b>Third parties</b>	participation of OSCE Chairman-In-Office
<b>Description</b>	Welcomed signing of the Memorandum as an important step toward settlement of the Transdniestrian problem and towards strengthening mutual trust, stability, and security. Declared that its provisions could not contradict generally accepted norms of international law and would not be interpreted or acted upon in contradiction to existing international agreements recognising the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova. Also noted the intention to intensify mediation efforts and called upon parties to immediately initiate negotiations to complete a comprehensive document on the final settlement of the conflict and a mechanism of appropriate guarantees. Affirmed readiness to act as guarantors for the compliance with the provisions on the status of Transniestria as a component part of a united and territorially whole Republic of Moldova.

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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.
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Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration Page 1, Declare that the provisions of the Memorandum cannot contradict the generally accepted norms of international law, and also will not be interpreted or acted upon in contradiction with existing international agreements, decision of the OSCE, the Joint Declaration of 19 January 1996 of the President of the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova, which recognised the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.

Affirm the readiness of their countries, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, with the assistance of the OSCE, to act as guarantors for the compliance with the provisions set forth by the corresponding documents on the status of Transdnistria as a component part of a united and territorial whole Republic of Moldova.

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	Page 1, Declare that the provisions of the Memorandum cannot contradict the generally accepted norms of international law, and also will not be interpreted or acted upon in contradiction with existing international agreements, decision of the OSCE, the Joint Declaration of 19 January 1996 of the President of the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova, which recognised the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	Page 1, Declare that the provisions of the Memorandum cannot contradict the generally accepted norms of international law, and also will not be interpreted or acted upon in contradiction with existing international agreements, decision of the OSCE, the Joint Declaration of 19 January 1996 of the President of the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova, which recognised the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.
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## **Rights related issues**

Citizenship	No specific mention.
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Democracy	No specific mention.
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Detention procedures	No specific mention.
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Media and communication	No specific mention.
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Mobility/access	No specific mention.
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Protection measures	No specific mention.
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Other	No specific mention.
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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI	No specific mention.
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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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory With the participation of the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE N. Helveg Petersen

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 1, Note their intention together with the OSCE to intensify the mediation efforts and call upon the parties to immediately initiate negotiations in order to complete in the near future an accord on a comprehensive document on the final settlement of the conflict and also a mechanism of appropriate guarantees,

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Related cases No specific mention.

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