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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | Tajikistan  |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Europe and Eurasia  |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | Joint Statement of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, E.S. Rakhmonov, and the leader of the United Tajik-Opposition, S.A.Nuri |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 11 Dec 1996   |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Multiparty signed/agreed  |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes   |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/intrastate conflict  |

#### **Tajikistani Civil War (1992 - 1997)**

Ethnic marginalization formed a key feature in the Tajikistani Civil war when liberal democrat and Islamic groups from the Garm and Gorno-Badakhshan took up arms against the government of President Rahmon Nabiyev. Members of Nabiyev's government were predominantly from the regions of Leninabad and Kulyab. Anti-government protestors took to the street following the 1991 presidential elections, which caused the government to hand out arms to pro-government militias. Following clashes, anti-government factions captured the President and forced him to resign at gun-point. A new government under the Kulyabi native, Emomali Rahmonov, who fended off democratic and Islamist militias. Eventually, with support from Islamist factions in Afghanistan, the opposition united under the United Tajik Opposition umbrella. In 1994, the UN deployed a peacekeeping force to monitor the 1994 ceasefire agreement. A peace agreement was signed in 1997 and completely removed the Leninabad 'old guard' from power.

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Tajikistani Civil War (1992 - 1997)

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| <b>Stage</b>           | Pre-negotiation/process  |
| <b>Conflict nature</b> | Government   |
| <b>Peace process</b>   | Tajikistan peace process   |
| <b>Parties</b>         | E Sh. Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan<br><br>S A. Nuri, Leader of the United Tajik Opposition |

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| <b>Third parties</b> | Mr G. D. Merrem, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Tajikistan<br><br>Page 1, para 1,<br><br>We, having met on 10 and 11 December 1996 in northern Afghanistan, have agreed, in the presence of the President, Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Tajikistan, Mr G. D. Merrem, to meet on 19 December 1996 in Moscow. |
| <b>Description</b>   | Parties agree to establish a council on national reconciliation, express their intention to declare a ceasefire, and agree to meet for further talks one week later in Moscow. Statement records that parties signed a protocol aimed at halting the fighting as well as restoring the work of the executive committees and official structures in Karategin and Tavildara areas.   |

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| <b>Agreement document</b> | <a href="#">TJ_961211_JointStatementRakhmonovandNuri.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a> |
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## Groups

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| <b>Children/youth</b>                    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Disabled persons</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Elderly/age</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>                   | No specific mention. |
| <b>Racial/ethnic/<br/>national group</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Religious groups</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Indigenous people</b>                 | No specific mention. |
| <b>Other groups</b>                      | No specific mention. |
| <b>Refugees/displaced<br/>persons</b>    | No specific mention. |
| <b>Social class</b>                      | 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)** 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)** Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references  
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During our meeting in Afghanistan we also signed a protocol aimed at halting the fighting as well as restoring the work of the hukumats (executive committees) and official structures in the Karategin and Tavildara areas.

**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.

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| <b>Treaty incorporation</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Civil and political rights</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Socio-economic rights</b> | No specific mention. |
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**Rights related issues**

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

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| <b>NHRI</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b> | No specific mention. |
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**Justice sector reform**

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| <b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>State of emergency provisions</b> | No specific mention. |
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| <b>Judiciary and courts</b>  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Prisons and detention</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>Traditional Laws</b>      | No specific mention. |

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

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| <b>Development or socio-economic reconstruction</b> | No specific mention. |
| <b>National economic plan</b>                       | No specific mention. |
| <b>Natural resources</b>                            | No specific mention. |
| <b>International funds</b>                          | No specific mention. |
| <b>Business</b>                                     | No specific mention. |
| <b>Taxation</b>                                     | No specific mention. |
| <b>Banks</b>  | No specific mention. |

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## **Land, property and environment**

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| <b>Land reform/rights</b>                 | No specific mention. |
| <b>Pastoralist/nomadism rights</b>        | No specific mention. |
| <b>Cultural heritage</b>                  | No specific mention. |
| <b>Environment</b>                        | No specific mention. |
| <b>Water or riparian rights or access</b> | No specific mention. |

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## **Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
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...Meanwhile, we express our intention to announce a ceasefire for the entire period of the inter-Tajik talks.

**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** Page 1, para 1

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## Implementation

**UN signatory** Mr G. D. Merrem, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Tajikistan

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

**Enforcement mechanism** Page 1, para 4

We request the United Nations Secretary-General to recommend to the Security Council that it extend the mandate of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan.

**Related cases** No specific mention.

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