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Country/ entity	Georgia Abkhazia
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Record of the first meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Georgian and Abkhaz Parties and Statute of the Coordinating Council
Date	18 Dec 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Georgian Separatist Conflicts (1989 - ) )
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Abkhazia peace process
Parties	<p>The Georgian Party was represented by a delegation consisting of Mr. Vazha Lordkipanidze, Mr. Rezo Adamia and Mr. Tamaz Khubua.</p> <p>The Abkhaz Party was represented by a delegation made up of Mr. Tamaz Ketsba, Mr. Sergei Tsargush and Mr. Victor Khashba.</p> <p>(Signed) L. Bota (Signed) T. Ketsba (Signed) V. Lordkipanidze</p>
Third parties	Representatives of the Russian Federation in its capacity as facilitator, the organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the States belonging to the Group of Friends of the Secretary-General – France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States of America – acting as observers, participated in the work of the session.
Description	Adopted Statute of Coordinating Council to take forward negotiations. Council would include three representatives each from Georgian and Abkhaz parties and decisions would be binding. Agreed programmes for 3 working groups: Working Group I to deal with issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and security problems; Working Group II with refugees/displaced persons and Working Group III with economic and social problems.

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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	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive Page 3, Working Groups, The working groups shall carry out activities in the following areas: ... Working Group II – refugees and internally displaced persons; ...</p> <p>Page 4, Jurisdiction of the Council (b) Refugees and internally displaced persons In accordance with the concluding statement of the Geneva meeting, consideration of proposals on the resumption of the organized process of the voluntary, safe return of refugees and displaced persons.<sup>20</sup><sub>28</sub> Working Group II shall deal with the drafting of appropriate recommendations.</p>
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)	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.

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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 formal power sharing at executive level - however, page 2, paragraph 2 states that "The Council shall consist of three representatives each from the Georgian and Abkhaz Parties."

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	4. establishes working group to examine issues concerning economic and social problems

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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	No specific mention.
Protection measures	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.

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### **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	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 3, Working Groups, The working groups shall carry out activities in the following areas: ... • Working Group III – economic and social problems.</p> <p>Page 4, Jurisdiction of the Council ... (c) Economic and social problems Consideration of questions of mutual interest to the Parties (energy, transport, communications, environment).<sup>28</sup> Consideration of proposals to remove obstacles to normal economic and social development. Working Group III shall draft proposals and recommendations on the establishment of effective cooperation between the Parties in agreed areas.</p>
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	<p>Page 3, Working Groups, The working groups shall carry out activities in the following areas: • Working Group I – issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and to security problems;</p> <p>Page 3, Jurisdiction of the Council (a) ... Assistance in mine clearance.</p>
Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision</p> <p>Page 3, Working Groups, The working groups shall carry out activities in the following areas: • Working Group I – issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and to security problems;</p> <p>Page 3, Jurisdiction of the Council (a) Issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and to security problems Consideration of violations of the Agreement on a Ceasefire and Separation of Forces of 14 May 1994 and the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 937 (1994) of 21 July 1994, and the adoption of decisions to prevent such violations. Consideration of questions relating to the Parties' effective implementation of their obligations. ... Working Group I shall investigate violations of the ceasefire regime, and terrorist or subversive activities, and shall draft proposals and recommendations on matters within its competence.<sup>28</sup> Working Group I shall meet as necessary but at least once a week.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 3, Jurisdiction of the Council (a) ... Adoption of effective measures to put an end to any activities by illegal armed formations, terrorist or subversive groups or individuals, including individuals who infiltrate into the conflict zone, as well as any activities that may destabilize the peace process or lead to a resumption of hostilities.</p>

Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	Page 3, Jurisdiction of the Council (a) Issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and to security problems ... Working Group I shall investigate violations of the ceasefire regime, and terrorist or subversive activities, and shall draft proposals and recommendations on matters within its competence. <sup>28</sup> Working Group I shall meet as necessary but at least once a week.

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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 UN acting as facilitator; SRSG to chair the Council

Other international signatory OSCE, Russian Federation

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, General provisions  
The Coordination Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) is established in accordance with the concluding statement on the outcome of the meeting held in Geneva from 17 to 19 November 1997. The Council is established in order to implement the provisions of the concluding statement.

Related cases No specific mention.

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