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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

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| 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 | 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; ... 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. ²⁸ Working Group II shall deal with the drafting of appropriate recommendations. |
| Social class | No specific mention. |

Gender

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| Women, girls and gender | No specific mention. |
| Men and boys | No specific mention. |
| LGBTI | No specific mention. |
| Family | No specific mention. |

State definition

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| 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) 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.

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.

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

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

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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

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| NHRI | No specific mention. |
| Regional or international human rights institutions | No specific mention. |

Justice sector reform

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| 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 3, Working Groups, The working groups shall carry out activities in the following areas: ... • Working Group III – economic and social problems.

Page 4, Jurisdiction of the Council
... (c) Economic and social problems
Consideration of questions of mutual interest to the Parties (energy, transport, communications, environment).²⁹
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.

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 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;

Page 3, Jurisdiction of the Council
(a) ... Assistance in mine clearance.

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| 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.²⁰₂₈ 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. |

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| 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. ²⁰ Working Group I shall meet as necessary but at least once a week. |

Transitional justice

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| 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.

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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