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Country/ entity	China Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Russia Tajikistan
Region	Asia and Pacific Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement between Russian Federation, Republic of Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and People's Republic of China on Confidence Building in the Military Field in the Border Area
Date	26 Apr 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/interstate conflict (Sino-Soviet Border Conflict (1969 - 1991))
Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Russia-China-Central Asian borders interstate process
Parties	For the Russian Federation: B. YELTSIN JIANG Zemin For the Republic of Kazakstan: N. NAZARBAEV For the Kyrgyz Republic: A. AKAEV For the Republic of Tajikistan: E. RAKHMONOV For the People's Republic of China: JIANG Zemin

Third parties -

Description This agreement provides for border security and confidence measures between the five parties to the agreement. It calls for military disclosure when the parties are undertaking border and naval exercises and for reduction of troop levels in the border areas. It also allows the parties to observe and inspect troop movements in each territory upon invitation.

Agreement document

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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) No specific mention.

State
configuration No specific mention.

Self
determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols	Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7 1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes: ... 2.2 Participation in national holiday celebrations at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.
Border delimitation	No specific mention.
Cross-border provision	[Summary] The entire Agreement concerns confidence building measures in the military field in the border area cross neighbouring states.

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 Page 9-10, Annex, Article 10

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1.5 Cooperation by administrative echelons, in construction, the provision of food, clothing and equipment to troops and other fields;

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	Page 11, Annex, Article 12 The border troops (border units) of the Parties shall not use inhuman or rough treatment in dealing with border violators. The use of weapons by the border personnel of the Parties shall be determined by the domestic legislation of the Parties and the corresponding agreements of the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, Krygyzstan and Tajikistan with China.
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	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.

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 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.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/ rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible
Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7

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... 2.2 Participation in national holiday celebrations at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk.

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... 1.6 Reciprocal invitations, on a voluntary basis, to participate in the celebration of national holidays, cultural activities and sporting competitions;

Environment Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7

1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes:

1.1 To eliminate the consequences of natural disasters;

Page 11, Annex, Article 11

1. The Parties' border troops (border units) shall develop cooperation in the following areas:

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1.4 Timely notification and provision of mutual assistance in cases of natural disasters, epidemics, epizootic diseases and so forth which may cause damage to the other Party;

Water or
riparian
rights or
access

Page 7-8, Annex, Article 7

1. River-going combat vessels of the Parties' navies or naval forces (ships and motor launches designed for combat operations and armed with combat-weapons systems) may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for the following purposes:

1.1 To eliminate the consequences of natural disasters;

1.2 To travel across the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border without inflicting any damage.

2. Russian river-going naval combat vessels may temporarily enter the 100-kilometre geographical zone on the eastern section of the Russian-Chinese border for the following purposes:

2.1 Repair, upgrading, weapons removal, ship-breaking and refitting for civilian use at the ship-repair yards at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk or other ship-repair yards;

2.2 Participation in national holiday celebrations at Khabarovsk and Blagoveshchensk.

3. Temporary entry of river-going naval or naval-forces combat vessels into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border for purposes not indicated above may only be carried out following prior agreement between the Parties.

4. The total number of each Party's river-going naval or naval-forces combat vessels simultaneously located in the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border shall not exceed four vessels.

5. Six months after the entry into force of this Agreement, the Parties shall, pursuant to articles 1 and 2 of this article, inform each other, in writing within a period of seven days through the diplomatic channel or through the intermediary of border representatives, of the temporary entry by rivergoing naval or naval-forces combat vessels into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border. In emergencies, the other Party must receive prior notification before river-going naval or naval-forces combat vessels may enter the said zone temporarily.

6. Such notification shall contain the following information:

6.1 Purpose of the temporary entry;

6.2 Type, vessel numbers and number of incoming river-going naval or naval forces combat vessels;

6.3 Date on which presence in the zone will start and finish;

6.4 Their temporary location (geographical name and geographical coordinates).

Security sector

Security Guarantees Entire Agreement concerns confidence building measures in the military field in the border area.

Page 3-4, Annex, Article 1

The armed forces of the Parties which are stationed in the border area as an integral part of the Parties' armed forces shall not be used to attack the other Party or carry out any military activity threatening the other Party and disturbing tranquillity and stability in the border area.

Article 2

1. In order to develop relations of good-neighbourliness and friendship, maintain a situation of long-term stability in the border area, and strengthen mutual trust in the military field in the border area, the Parties shall undertake the following measures:

1.1 They shall exchange information on the agreed components of the armed forces and the border troops (border units);

1.2 They shall not conduct military exercises directed against the other Party;

1.3 They shall limit the scale, geographical scope and number of military exercises;

1.4 They shall give notification of any large-scale military activity and troop movements resulting from emergency situations;

1.5 They shall give notification of the temporary entry of troops and weapons into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the border between the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, on the one hand, and China, on the other (hereinafter referred to as the border);

1.6 They shall invite observers to military exercises, on a reciprocal basis;

1.7 They shall give notification of the temporary entry of river-going combat vessels of navies or naval forces into the 100-kilometre geographical zone on both sides of the eastern part of the Russian-Chinese border;

1.8 They shall take measures to prevent hazardous military activity;

1.9 They shall inquire about unclear situations;

1.10 They shall strengthen friendly contacts between military personnel of the armed forces and the border troops (border units) in the border area and shall carry out other confidence-building measures agreed upon by the Parties.

2. The application of the measures listed above is defined in detail in the corresponding articles of this Agreement.

Article 3

1. The Parties shall exchange information regarding the size of the personnel and the number of basic types of weapons and military equipment of the

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.

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.

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 Page 13, Annex, Article 13

On the basis of agreement by the Parties, meetings of experts shall be conducted in order to discuss the implementation of this Agreement. The capitals of the States Parties to this Agreement shall alternately be the venue of such meetings.

Related cases No specific mention.

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