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Country/ entity	Georgia Abkhazia
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides and Programme of Action on Confidence-Building
Date	16 Mar 2001
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	The Georgian Side was represented by a delegation headed by Mr. Giorgi Arsenishvili; The Abkhaz Side was represented by a delegation headed by Mr. Viacheslav Tsugba.
Third parties	Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dieter Boden; Representatives of the Russian Federation as facilitator, representatives of the Group of Friends of the United Nations Secretary-General for Georgia — France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States — representatives of OSCE, the Chief Military Observer of UNOMIG, the Commander of the CIS Collective Peacekeeping Forces and the Executive Secretary of the Georgian-Abkhaz Joint Coordination Commission also participated in the Meeting. At the invitation of the Ukraine.
Description	Sides reaffirm commitment to peaceful resolution and safe return of refugees. Sides requesting UN, the Group of Friends of the UNSG for Georgia, the OSCE and CIS to become guarantors for the process. Sides agree to adopt programme of confidence-building measures annexed to Declaration.

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Groups

Children/ youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides 1. To organize the meeting of the youth representatives of both Sides in Tsinandali. Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides ... 5. To support the conduct of seminars of young scientists of both Sides, within the framework of the projects of the Tbilisi School of Political Research.
Disabled persons	Groups→Disabled persons→Substantive Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides ... 3. To support the cooperation of organizations of war veterans and invalids of both Sides.
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→Rhetorical
Page 1, Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides,
... They also noted the importance of reaching mutual understanding and
accord, and placed special emphasis on their determination to intensify
efforts to create the necessary conditions for the voluntary and safe return of
refugees to their permanent residences, in the first phase to the Gali district
within the old borders.

Page 1, Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides,
... On the basis of the above, striving to secure a durable peace, the Sides
requested the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-
General to appeal to the United Nations, the Group of Friends of the United
Nations Secretary-General for Georgia, the Organization for Security and
Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and CIS to become guarantors for the non-
resumption of hostilities, the steady and safe return of refugees and
displaced persons, in the first phase to the Gali district within the old borders,
and to elaborate, with the participation of the Sides, the mechanism to
implement these guarantees.

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 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 [Summary] Page 5-6, Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz sides suggests series of meetings of youth reps of both sides, different political circles, war veterans and invalids of both sides, elders, young scientists, students, instructors, university lecturers, historians, librarians, Union of Writers, aviation reps;

Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides

... 13. To promote media coverage of the process of mutual understanding between the Sides within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action on Confidence-building, including the activities of the Coordinating Council, its working groups and the Bilateral Georgian-Abkhaz Coordination Commission, as well as the implementation of joint economic, cultural and educational projects, the activities of non-governmental organizations, etc.

Traditional/religious leaders Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides
... 4. To support the continuation of meetings of the Elders of both Sides.

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 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 No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles</p> <p>Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides</p> <p>... 13. To promote media coverage of the process of mutual understanding between the Sides within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action on Confidence-building, including the activities of the Coordinating Council, its working groups and the Bilateral Georgian-Abkhaz Coordination Commission, as well as the implementation of joint economic, cultural and educational projects, the activities of non-governmental organizations, etc.</p> <p>Page 6, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides</p> <p>14. To broaden the exchange of newspapers between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides by exchanging an equal number of copies of Sakartvelos Respublica and Apsny, with the financial and material support of the United Nations and OSCE.</p> <p>Page 6, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides</p> <p>15. For faster exchange of information, to provide technical support in setting up direct electronic communications between Apsnypress and Kavkazpress and other media agencies of both Sides, with the assistance of the United Nations.</p>
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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.

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 Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides ... 12. To establish cooperation in wine-making.

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 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides
... 7. To support the continuation of contacts between the directors of the Tbilisi and Sukhumi libraries.
8. To organize meetings of the representatives of the Union of Writers of both Sides.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides
... 13. To promote media coverage of the process of mutual understanding between the Sides within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action on Confidence-building, including the activities of the Coordinating Council, its working groups and the Bilateral Georgian-Abkhaz Coordination Commission, as well as the implementation of joint economic, cultural and educational projects, the activities of non-governmental organizations, etc.

Environment Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides
11. To continue close cooperation on the question of moving radioactive wastes currently located at the Sukhumi Physico-technical Institute to a safe storage place.

Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.
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Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
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Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 1, Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides, During the Meeting, in their desire to ensure favourable conditions for the continuation of the peace process so as to achieve a settlement and prevent a deterioration of the situation in the conflict zone, the Sides reaffirmed their commitments regarding the non-use of force against each other in resolving any disputes, with a view to achieving a comprehensive political settlement of the conflict.
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Police	No specific mention.
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Armed forces	No specific mention.
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DDR	No specific mention.
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Intelligence services	No specific mention.
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Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
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Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
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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 Page 5, Appendix; Annex to the Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides
[Summary] Annex lists various means to promote confidence between Georgian and Abkhaz sides.

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... 6. To organize meetings of students, instructors and lecturers at universities and other higher educational institutions of both Sides, including historians, with a view to restoring scientific ties and the exchange of information and lectures.

7. To support the continuation of contacts between the directors of the Tbilisi and Sukhumi libraries.

Implementation

UN signatory Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Georgia as signatory and chairman.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/
force/similar Page 1, Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides,
... The Sides noted the failure to prevent the resumption of military activities in May 1998, which appeared to be, inter alia, a consequence of the absence of reliable guarantees for the maintenance of peace. In the course of these events, there had also been a failure to employ in full all the mechanisms for the prevention of hostilities, including the CIS Collective Peacekeeping Forces and UNOMIG. At the same time, the Sides recognize the stabilizing role of the CIS Collective Peacekeeping Forces and UNOMIG in the conflict zone.

Page 1, Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides,
... In case of a threat of military clashes or the resumption of military clashes, the CIS Collective Peacekeeping Forces, in accordance with their mandate of 26 May 1995, will undertake immediate measures to disengage military groups of the belligerents, along the disengagement line determined by the Moscow Agreement of 14 May 1994. The Sides reaffirm their commitments regarding the observance of the ceasefire accords. They also reaffirm their obligations to prevent actions which would threaten the life and security of the personnel of the CIS Collective Peacekeeping Forces and UNOMIG, and other international personnel deployed in the conflict zone.

Enforcement mechanism Page 1, Yalta Declaration of the Georgian and Abkhaz sides,
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Page 4, Appendix; Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides,
Have agreed on the following:
...3. The Sides designate the representatives who will inform the Coordinating Council at its future meetings of the progress made in implementing the confidencebuilding measures.

Page 4, Appendix; Programme of Action on Confidence-building between the Georgian and Abkhaz Sides,
Have agreed on the following:
...4. In order to ensure the most effective implementation of the confidencebuilding measures, both Sides undertake to provide, as necessary, the organizational and technical support for such implementation, including the preparation of the necessary travel documents and the provision of venues for meetings, and also undertake to encourage the development of bilateral contacts in general. The Sides commend the work of the Bilateral Georgian-Abkhaz Coordination Commission, reaffirm their readiness to provide it with necessary assistance and, in this connection, request the United Nations to facilitate its work and to provide technical, financial and other support.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source UN Peacemaker; <http://peacemaker.un.org/georgia-yaltadeclaration2001>
