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| Country/ entity | Armenia Azerbaijan Russia Nagorno-Karabakh |
| Region | Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia |
| Agreement name | Zheleznovodsk Declaration |
| Date | 23 Sep 1991 |
| Agreement status | Multiparty signed/agreed |
| Interim arrangement | Yes |
| Agreement/ conflict level | Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict (1991 -)) |
| Stage | Pre-negotiation/process |
| Conflict nature | Government/territory |
| Peace process | Armenia-Azerbaijan-Nagorno Karabakh: Process 1990s |
| Parties | For the Russian Federation: Boris Yeltsin For the Azerbaijani Republic: Ayaz Mutalibov For Kazakhstan: Nursultan Nazarbayev For the Republic of Armenia: Levon Ter-Petrosian |
| Third parties | Taking part in the discussion of the communiqué were: Ye. Shaposhnikov V. Barannikov S. Voskanyan M. Gezalov V. Dzhafarov R. Kocharian L Petrosian M. Radayev |
| | Mediating mission, led by President Boris Yeltsin of the Russian Federation and President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan |

Description Further to mediation mission by Boris Yeltsin (Russian Federation), and Kazakhstan, parties agreed that the sides believe that the necessary and binding conditions for settlement of the conflict are a ceasefire, the repeal, before January 1 1992, of all unconstitutional Azerbaijani and Armenian enactments concerning Nagorno Karabakh, the recognition of authority of legitimate bodies of power, the withdrawal from the conflict zone of all armed forces, except units of Soviet Interior Ministry and Soviet Defence Ministry troops.

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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 | Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Anti-discrimination Page 1, The sides seeking settlement of the conflict are guided by the principles of non-interference in internal affairs of sovereign states and the undeviating observance of civil rights of citizens, irrespective of their nationality and in accordance with international legal norms. |
| Religious groups | No specific mention. |
| Indigenous people | No specific mention. |
| Other groups | No specific mention. |

Refugees/
displaced
persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical
Page 2, 3. The Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia ensure the
eventual return of deported people to their homes, beginning with the fully
vacated villages.
The sides guarantee safety in places of permanent residence. Talks on this
problem must begin from October 1991.

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) Page 1, The sides seeking settlement of the conflict are guided by the
principles of non-interference in internal affairs of sovereign states and the
unwavering observance of civil rights of citizens, irrespective of their
nationality and in accordance with international legal norms.

Page 3, The provisions contained in this communiqué cannot be viewed as
the right of the mediators to interfere in the internal affairs of sovereign states
- the Azerbaijani Republic and the Republic of Armenia.

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 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.

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| Civil and political rights | Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Other Page 1, The sides seeking settlement of the conflict are guided by the principles of non-interference in internal affairs of sovereign states and the undeviating observance of civil rights of citizens, irrespective of their nationality and in accordance with international legal norms. |
| Socio-economic rights | No specific mention. |

Rights related issues

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| Citizenship | Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general Page 2, The main results of discussion are as follows: A working group of observers is hereby entrusted with working out measures to safeguard the ceasefire, neutralize all armed forces defined as illegitimate, create guarantees of safety for all citizens residing in the conflict zone. |
| Democracy | No specific mention. |
| Detention procedures | No specific mention. |
| Media and communication | Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics Page 2, 6. During the talks the sides arrived at a unanimous decision to guarantee the flow of impartial information into the conflict zone. It was decided to set up an information group, consisting of representatives of the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan authorized to prepare official information about developments in the conflict zone. |
| Mobility/access | Page 2, 5. Together with federal bodies, the sides guarantee to normalize all railway, air traffic and communications systems within two weeks. All sides, with the cooperation of mediators, will start negotiations to ensure the free and mutually beneficial functioning of all highways. |
| 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 No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security
Guarantees No specific mention.

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| Ceasefire | <p>Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments</p> <p>Page 1-2, The main results of discussion are as follows:</p> <p>The sides believe that the necessary and binding conditions for settlement of the conflict are a ceasefire, the repeal, before January 1 1992, of all unconstitutional Azerbaijani and Armenian enactments concerning Nagorno Karabakh, the recognition of authority of legitimate bodies of power, the withdrawal from the conflict zone of all armed forces, except units of Soviet Interior Ministry and Soviet Defence Ministry troops.</p> <p>Page 2, The main results of discussion are as follows: A working group of observers is hereby entrusted with working out measures to safeguard the ceasefire, neutralize all armed forces defined as illegitimate, create guarantees of safety for all citizens residing in the conflict zone.</p> |
| Police | No specific mention. |
| Armed forces | <p>Page 1, The intense conflict in the region of Nagorno Karabakh has gone on unabated for four years, claiming the lives of numerous people of different nationalities - civilians and services personnel of regular Army units and interior troops.</p> <p>Page 2, The main results of discussion are as follows: When this period has expired, the presence of all armed forces and their activities will be considered illegal by all sides and will be suppressed by the Soviet Interior Ministry troops, and members of armed forces are liable under [word indistinct].</p> |
| DDR | No specific mention. |
| Intelligence services | No specific mention. |
| Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces | No specific mention. |

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| Withdrawal of foreign forces | Page 1-2, The main results of discussion are as follows: The sides believe that the necessary and binding conditions for settlement of the conflict are a ceasefire, the repeal, before January 1 1992, of all unconstitutional Azerbaijani and Armenian enactments concerning Nagorno Karabakh, the recognition of authority of legitimate bodies of power, the withdrawal from the conflict zone of all armed forces, except units of Soviet Interior Ministry and Soviet Defence Ministry troops. |
| Corruption | No specific mention. |
| Crime/organised crime | No specific mention. |
| Drugs | No specific mention. |
| Terrorism | No specific mention. |

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 No specific mention.

Other international signatory Mediating mission, led by President Boris Yeltsin of the Russian Federation and President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, The main results of discussion are as follows:
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Related cases No specific mention.

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