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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

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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

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.

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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)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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.
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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 specific mention.

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	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.

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## Rights related issues

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.

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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 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.

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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 No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments  
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Police No specific mention.

Armed forces 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.

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].

DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
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.

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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 No specific mention.

Other  
international  
signatory Mediating mission, led by President Boris Yeltsin of the Russian Federation  
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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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