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Country/ entity	Georgia Abkhazia
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Rules Governing the Work of the Working Groups
Date	12 Jun 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	Georgia, Abkhazia
Third parties	-
Description	1. Defines status of working groups as exec bodies of the Coordinating Council, to work in the following areas: issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and security problems; refugees and IDPs; economic and social problems. 2. Working Groups to consist of reps of both sides, under the chair of the UNSRSG, with reps of Russian Federation (facilitator), the OSCE, and group of Friends of the UNSG. 5. The decisions of the Working Groups are adopted by consensus. They constitute recommendations to be submitted to the Coordinating Council. 6. Working groups to submit reports to the Coordinating Council. 7. Office of the SRSRG to act as secretariat to working groups.

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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

Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive

Page 1, Status:

... Working Groups are established in the following areas:

- Refugees and internally displaced persons (Working Group II);

Page 2, 3. Meetings:

The meetings of the Working Groups shall be convened by the SRSG, and take place as follows:

... - Working Groups II and III shall meet as necessary

Page 3, 4. Agenda.

The agenda of the Working Groups is decided by the Coordinating Council.

The following are the substantive issues to be discussed by the Working Groups:

... Working Group II: Refugees and IDPs:

- provision of humanitarian assistance to refugees and IDPs;

demining in the whole zone of conflict to enable the return to normal conditions of life.

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 No specific mention.

Traditional/
religious
leaders No specific mention.

Public
administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political
power
sharing Power sharing→Political power sharing→International involvement
Page 1, Membership and participants.
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Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other
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Page 3, 5. Decisions:
The decisions of the Working Groups [are adopted by consensus. They] constitute recommendations, which shall be submitted to the Coordinating Council. When no consensus is reached for a recommendation on an issue discussed, the views of the parties on it are recorded in the report of the Working Groups to the Coordinating Council.

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 Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
Page 3, 4. Agenda.
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The following are the substantive issues to be discussed by the Working Groups:
... Working Group III: Economic and Social Problems:
- energy, transport, communications;

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 Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
Page 1, Status:
... Working Groups are established in the following areas:
... - Economic and social problems (Working Group III).

Page 2, 3. Meetings:

The meetings of the Working Qroups shall be convened by the SRSRG, and take place as follows:

... - Working Groups II and III shall meet as necessary

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance

Page 3, 4. Agenda.

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Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

Page 3, 4. Agenda.

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... Working Group III: Economic and Social Problems:

- energy, transport, communications;
- ecology;
- health care.

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 Page 3, 4. Agenda.
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... Working Group III: Economic and Social Problems:
... - ecology;

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Status:
... Working Groups are established in the following areas:
- Issues related to the lasting non-resumption of hostilities and security problems (Working Group I);

Page 2, 3. Meetings:
The meetings of the Working Groups shall be convened by the SRSB, and take place as follows:
- Working Group 1 shall meet as necessary, but at least once a week

Page 2, 4. Agenda.
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Working Group I: (A) Lasting non-resumption of hostilities:
- examination of violations of the Agreement on the ceasefire and separation of forces of 14 May 1994, and
- recommendations of measures to avoid recurrence;

Page 2, 4. Agenda.
The agenda of the Working Groups is decided by the Coordinating Council. The following are the substantive issues to be discussed by the Working Groups:
... (B) · Security problems:
- investigation of reports about acts of violence by armed groups and placement of mines
- recommendations of measures to be taken to halt any activity by illegal armed formations, terrorists and subversive groups and individuals including those penetrating the Abkhaz territory from outside.

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 Page 2, 4. Agenda.
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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.

Implementation

UN signatory Working Groups to consist of reps of both sides, under the chair of the UNSRSG.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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