

Country/entity	Tajikistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Joint Statement by the Delegation of the Government of Tajikistan and the Delegation of the United Tajik Opposition
Date	19 Jan 1997
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Tajikistani Civil War (1992 - 1997)

Ethnic marginalization formed a key feature in the Tajikistani Civil war when liberal democrat and Islamic groups from the Garm and Gorno-Badakhshan took up arms against the government of President Rahmon Nabiyev. Members of Nabiyev's government were predominantly from the regions of Leninabad and Kulyab. Anti-government protestors took to the street following the 1991 presidential elections, which caused the government to hand out arms to pro-government militias. Following clashes, anti-government factions captured the President and forced him to resign at gun-point. A new government under the Kulyabi native, Emomali Rahmonov, who fended off democratic and Islamist militias. Eventually, with support from Islamist factions in Afghanistan, the opposition united under the United Tajik Opposition umbrella. In 1994, the UN deployed a peacekeeping force to monitor the 1994 ceasefire agreement. A peace agreement was signed in 1997 and completely removed the Leninabad 'old guard' from power.

Close
Tajikistani Civil War (1992 - 1997)

Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Tajikistan peace process
Parties	(Signed) T. Nazarov, Head of the delegation of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (Signed) Khoja Akbar TUPAJONZODAM, Head of delegation of the United Tajik opposition

Third parties	Signed Gerd Dietrick MERREM (The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Tajikistan)
	Observers: Iran, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, the OSCE, the Organization of the Islamic Conference
Description	Agreed on structure, composition and specific functions and powers of commission on national reconciliation and on the procedure for the adoption of the Reciprocal Pardon Act and Amnesty Act. Agreement was also reached concerning the commission on elections, the conduct of a referendum for the transition period and mechanism for including UTO representatives in the Government power structures. Agreement on continuing discussions on the question of the renewal of activity of the political parties and movements forming part of the UTO.

Agreement document [TJ_970119JointStatementGovTajikistanandTajikOpposition.pdf \(opens in new tab\) | Download PDF](#)

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
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For purposes of overcoming the consequences of the civil war and achieving peace and national accord, the parties signed the protocol on refugee questions, which forms an integral part of the general agreement on the establishment of peace in the country. The protocol determines the political and legal parameters for voluntary return of refugees and forcibly displaced persons to their homes in conditions of safety and dignity, their reintegration into the economic, political and social life of the country and also the restoration of their civil and property rights and the guaranteeing of their security.

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) Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references Page 1, para 4-6,

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Agreement was reached on three of the four political issues of principle:

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(b) the central commission on elections and the conduct of the referendum for the transition period and the quota of representatives of the united Tajik Opposition in its membership;

(c) Reform of the Government and the mechanism for including representatives of the United Tajik Opposition in the power structures in accordance with a quota.

Elections No specific mention.

**Electoral
commission**

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**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→General State level
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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 No specific mention.

Mobility/access Page 2, paragraph 1:
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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.

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 Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper
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(a) The procedure for adoption of the Reciprocal Pardon Act and the Amnesty Act;

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release Secured agmt on specific issues arising from talks: a. the procedure for adoption of the Reciprocal Pardon Act and Amnesty act;

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, para 3,

The parties considered a draft statute of the commission on national reconciliation and agreed on the structure of the statute, as well as on the number of members of the commission- 27- and its specific functions and powers. Agreement was reached to continue discussion of issues relating to quotas in the commission and guarantees of the safety of its members.

Implementation

UN signatory Talks occurred under UN auspices and with UNSRSG facilitation

Signed Gerd Dietrick MERREM (The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Tajikistan)

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.

Source Conciliation Resources Accord
<http://www.c-r.org/accord-article/key-texts-accord-tajikistan>
