

Country/entity	Russia Chechnya
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Protocol of the Meeting of Delegations on the Issue of Peaceful Resolution of the Crisis in the Chechen Republic with OSCE Support
Date	20 Jun 1995
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009)

The First Chechen War (1995 - 1997)

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, relations between the Federal Russian government with the over 100 ethnic groups deteriorated as demands for autonomy became a major political issue. In March 1992, a federation treaty was drafted and by 1994 the treaty was signed between 87 of the 88 federal jurisdictions and central government, with Chechnya being the exception. The conflict erupted in 1991 following the death of the head of the Communist Party in Grozny when a faction of the USSR's dissolved military stormed Party Headquarters. Russian forces failed to re-take Grozny and in 1993 the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria announced its independence. Violence and discrimination preceded economic stagnation as non-Chechnens fled the region, and eventually an undeclared civil war broke out as the Chechen opposition attempted a counter-coup against the Chechen ruler Dzhokhar Dudayev. Following the dissolution of the Chechen Parliament in June 1993, a state of emergency was declared, and in December that year another coup was attempted by the opposition. Issues of sovereignty spurred an assault by Russian troops in December 1994, marking the start of the first Chechen War wherein Russian troops faced four years of insurgency until a ceasefire was unilaterally declared in 1996. A peace treaty was signed in 1997 and Russian forces withdrew.

The Second Chechen War (1999 - 2004)

The inter-war period was marked by economic desolation, corruption and crime. Political polarization was rife, and religious extremism flourished. In August 1999, the Islamic International Brigade led by Shamil Basayev invaded the Russian Republic of Dagestan seeking to found an Islamic State, thereby sparking the Second Chechen War. In response, the Russian Federation began a bombing campaign against the Chechen government and eventually re-took Grozny. An insurgency began following the fall of the Chechen government and separatist attacks spurred an increasingly harsh response from the Kremlin. By 2006, the main separatist leaders had been killed, and the republic has been run by the pro-Russian government led by Ramzan Kadyrov since 2007.

Close

Chechnya Conflicts (1991 - 2009)

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Chechnya peace process

Parties Russian Federation, represented by Mikhailov V. A., Volsky N. I., Semionov N. I., and Kulikov A. S.;
Chechen Republic, represented by Imayev U. K., Maskhadov A. A., and Zakhayev A. C.;
From the commission responsible for solving the Chechen Republic, Magomadov L. D.

Third parties	OSCE; Present at the talks were: 1. S. Mesaros 2. O. M. Pelen
Description	Pre-negotiation agmt; parties agree 'block of war issues' for further negotiation, including 'political and social issues', and the 'economic block'

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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** No specific mention.

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 Page 1, It was agreed that during the implementation of the block of war issues and in decision-making the following issues within the political block will be considered:
- creating conditions for conducting free democratic elections,
- drafting and enacting election regulations at all levels of authority,
- conducting elections with the participation of observers,

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.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy Page 1, It was agreed that during the implementation of the block of war issues and in decision-making the following issues within the political block will be considered:
- creating conditions for conducting free democratic elections,

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

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, The economic block includes the following agreed matters:
- implementation of the Federal program for restoration of the economy and social spheres of the Chechen Republic,

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 1, The economic block includes the following agreed matters:
- supporting the International Fund for Revival of the Chechen Republic, which is being established.

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 Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible
Page 1, The economic block includes the following agreed matters:
- returning items of scientific and cultural value taken out of the Republic during warfare.
Making available copies or duplicates of historical, cultural, archival and other materials
and documents which are at the disposal of the Russian Federation.

Environment No specific mention.

**Water or riparian
rights or access** No specific mention.

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees** No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision
Page 1, During the session between 9.30 AM and 1.00PM the block of war issues was
finally agreed, envisaging:
- an end to hostilities,

Page 1, The parties agreed that hostilities will cease from day 21 to 23, during which the
delegation session is expected to end.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions
Page 1, During the session between 9.30 AM and 1.00PM the block of war issues was
finally agreed, envisaging:
- disarmament and staged withdrawal of armies.

**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 1, During the session between 9.30 AM and 1.00PM the block of war issues was finally agreed, envisaging: - an end to acts of terror and sabotage,

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	Page 1, During the session between 9.30 AM and 1.00PM the block of war issues was finally agreed, envisaging: - mutual exchange of detained persons
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	Page 1, It was agreed that during the implementation of the block of war issues and in decision-making the following issues within the political block will be considered: - non-use of violence, resolving all questions solely by peaceful and political methods. Abandoning revenge, hostility between nations.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory OSCE; Present at the talks were:
1. S. Mesaros
2. O. M. Pelen

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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