

Decree of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation Federal Assembly; “On the Situation in the Chechen Republic”

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Guided by the provisions of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, expressing a firm intention to bring about a real protection of the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the entire territory of the Russian Federation,

support the measures on consolidation of civil peace and accord in the country,

making a stand against all manifestations of separatism and terrorism,

following the Russian Federation's commitments, under the international law to protect with all legal means the unity and territorial integrity of the state,

underlining the inadmissibility of a unilateral change in the status of a component of the Russian Federation, recognizing the right of peoples for self-determination and their equality within the framework of a single multinational federative state,

confirming the constitutional status of the Chechen Republic as an inalienable part of the Russian Federation,

taking into account of the desire of the peoples of Russia for a peaceful settlement of the situation in the Chechen Republic,

showing concern at the future of the civilian population of the Chechen Republic,

seeking a consolidation of the bodies of state power of the Chechen Republic which have received their power from the people,

drawing attention to the illegality of passing legal acts which contradict the Constitution of the Russian Federation, grossly violating the rights and liberties of man and citizen on the territory of the Chechen Republic,

condemning the organisation of repressions and harassment in any form with regard to persons who uphold the interests of the Russian Federation,

The Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. To approve the cessation of combat actions on the territory of the Chechen Republic.
To regard the documents signed on 31 August 1996 in the town of Khasavyurt as evidence of the sides' readiness to resolve the conflict peacefully.
The bodies of state power of the Russian Federation and official shall carry out their activities on a peaceful settlement of the situation in the Chechen Republic in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation which defines the Chechen Republic as a component of the Russian Federation, its inalienable part.
To recognize it being necessary and in accordance with Articles 5, 11, 72, 77, and 78 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation to elaborate a draft agreement on the division of competence and powers between the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation and the legally elected bodies of power of the Chechen Republic.

2. To resolutely condemn unilateral violations by unlawful armed formations the understanding reached on a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Chechen Republic, encroachment on security, life, freedom, and honour <of citizen> on the territory of the Chechen Republic.
3. To ask the president of the Russian Federation to task corresponding state bodies with urgently elaborating on the basis on the Constitution of the Russian Federation and approving a program of political, socioeconomic and organizational measures on ending the situation which has developed in the Chechen Republic.
4. To ask the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Chechen Republic to inform the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation about the fulfilment of:
The agreement on the Fundamental Principles of Relations between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic of 8 December 1995,
The decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 6 March 1996 No. 241 "On a Federal Special Program on Rebuilding the Economy and the Social Sphere of the Chechen Republic for 1996."
5. To recommend to the government of the Russian Federation together with the legislative (representative) body of the Chechen Republic – a component of the Russian Federation – to come forward with a legislative initiative on the elaboration of a draft federal law "On a Federal Special Program on Rebuilding the Economy and the Social Sphere of the Chechen Republic."
6. To recommend to the government of the Russian Federation to urgently elaborate and put to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation a draft federal law on apartment (housing) promissory notes for person who left the Chechen Republic during the period of the armed conflict, as well as envisage in the 1997 federal budget funds for the resettlement of forced refugees and resettlers.
7. To task member of Federation Council delegations to discuss with delegations of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and international parliamentary organizations the situation in the Chechen Republic on condition that the dialogue should be based on mutual respect and the desire to as objectivity as possible depict what is happening, and the unconditional view of the Russian Federation as a sovereign state which guarantees its international law commitments.
8. To call the people of the North Caucasus, all the peoples of the Russian Federation to support in every way the started process of a peaceful resolution of the situation in the Chechen Republic.
9. This decree goes into force on the day of its passing.

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