

Agreement: “On the basic principles of relations between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic,” in Rossiskaya Gazeta, 14 December 1995

The plenipotentiary representatives of the organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic:

Guaranteeing the observance of basic rights and freedom of individuals and citizens, independent of nationality, religion, place of residence and other differences;

Proceeding from the generally recognized right of peoples to self-determination, principles of equal rights, voluntarism and freedom of expression, guaranteeing their observance;

Expressing the striving of peoples to restoration of mutual understanding, trust, and the preservation and development of their friendly ties;

Guaranteeing the preservation of territorial integrity and unity of the economic space;

Rejecting the use of force or the threat of force in the resolution of disputed issues;

Guided by the political securing of civil peace, international concord and the security of peoples;

Proceeding from the right of the Chechen Republic to participate in international and foreign economic ties;

Have agreed to the following:

To recognize the necessity of establishing a special status for the Chechen Republic as part of the Russian Federation, the adoption by the Chechen Republic of a Constitution and legislation.

The organs of state power of the Chechen Republic independently realize the authority of state power, including:

They establish a system of organs of state power of the Chechen Republic, a regime for their organization and activity;

They form organs of state power of the Chechen Republic;

They form the republican budget, establish and collect republican taxes;

They decide issues of the ownership, use and distribution of natural resources, and also state enterprises, organisations and other movable and immovable state property located on the territory of the Chechen Republic, with the exception of objects of federal ownership;

They decided issues of advocacy and notary public, family, residential and labour relations;

They establish the particulars of the organization of education considering the national and historical traditions of the peoples residing on the territory of the Chechen Republic;

They establish and support relations with other subjects of the Russian Federation, and conclude with them treaties and agreements;

They realize international and foreign economic ties, and participate in the activity of the corresponding international organizations.

They organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic jointly realize:

The defense of the rights and freedoms of the individual and citizen, and the rights of national minorities;

The defense of the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation;

Coordination of the international and foreign economic ties of the Chechen Republic;

Formation of comprehensive funds for the financing of joint programmes, the liquidation of the consequences of extreme disasters and catastrophes;

The organization of the mobilized preparation of the economy;

The coordination of the administration of general objects of energy, rail, pipeline, and air transport, ties and the information system;

The conducting of a common policy in the sphere of employment of the population, migration processes, social security, issues of health preservation, education, science, culture, physical culture and sport, and preparation of national cadres;

The coordination of activity in the battle against crime and the securing of public safety.

The government of the Russian Federation:

Will continue the allocation to the Government of the Chechen Republic financial and material-technical resources for the compensation of the population of the Republic for losses, the restoration of housing, the economy, and objects of the social sphere;

Will confirm a special program of development for the Chechen Republic, including measures to accelerate the development of its mountain districts, to create the necessary jobs for securing employment of the population able to work;

Will establish necessary customs and tax privileges;

Will provide aid to organs of state power of the Chechen Republic for the restoration of museums, architectural landmarks, higher and secondary education institutions, and for the preparation of national cadres in the scientific and educational institutions of the Russian Federation;

Will create the necessary conditions and provide for the opening of regular international flights from Grozny.

The Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Chechen Republic will take measures to secure conditions for the return and equipping of refugees, the creation of centres of medical rehabilitation of the population of the Chechen Republic, of those suffering as a result of military activities, and also the establishment of a special procedure for undertaking alternative civil service on the territory of the Chechen Republic and a special regime of undertaking military service will be secured, including in military construction units, created for the restoration of the economy and the social sphere of the republic.

The delimitation of powers between federal organs of executive power and organs of executive power of the Chechen Republic on issues of their joint sphere of competence can be realized by separate treaties and agreements.

The command of the joint armed forces, executing orders on the disarmament of illegal armed formations on the territory of the Chechen Republic, coordinates its activity with the Government of the Chechen Republic.

Decisions of the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic, adopted within the bounds of its competency, are obligatory for fulfilment on the territory of the Chechen Republic.

Organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic are obligated to strive for a widening of the zones of peace on the territory of the Chechen Republic.

The organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic have plenipotentiary representation, respectively, in Grozny and Moscow.

The Chechen Republic, with the goal of developing cultural, trade and economic ties, can have its own representations in other states.

The present Agreement goes into force from the moment it is signed and is in effect until the conclusion of a Treaty on delimitation of power between the organs of state power of the Russian Federation and the organs of state power of the Chechen Republic.

Concluded in Moscow, 3 December 1995

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