

Russian-Chechen Truce Agreement

We, the undersigned, taking into account the progress achieved towards the ending of the warfare, endeavouring to create a mutually acceptable basis for the political solution of the armed conflict, recognizing that it is prohibited to use armed forces or to threaten the use of force as a means towards the resolution of issues under dispute, embarking upon the universally recognized right of nations to self-determination, upon the principles of equality, freedom of choice, freedom expression of will, strengthening of international accord and security of all nations, exercising the will towards the defence of human and civil rights regardless of his or her nationality, religious affiliations, place of residence and other differences, towards the ending of acts of violence in relations of political adversaries, which at the same time embarking upon the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1949 and upon the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights of 1966, have jointly worked out the Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic according to which the further peace process shall be developed:

Principles for Determining the Fundamentals of the Relations Between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic

1. The treaty regulating the basis fundamentals of relations between the Russian Federation and the Chechen Republic, to be governed by the universally accepted principles and norms of the international law, shall have been reached prior to 31 December, 2001.
2. No later than 1 October, 1996, a Joint Commission shall have been formed, constituted by the representatives of the state authorities of the Russian Federation and of the Chechen Republic, the duties of which shall be as follows:
 - to assume control over the implementation of the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation issued on 25 June, 1996, under No. 985, and to prepare proposals concerning the completion of the withdrawal of the armed forces;
 - to initiate joint undertakings directed towards the combat of crime, terrorism and nationalist and religious prejudices, and to control their implementation;
 - to prepare proposals for the reconstruction of currency, fiscal and budgetary relations;
 - to prepare for the enactment by the Government of the Russian Federation of programmes for the rebuilding of the socio-economic infrastructure of the Chechen Republic;
 - to control the agreed forms of cooperation of the state authorities and other relevant organizations concerning the supply and distribution of food and medical aid among the population.
3. The legal system of the Chechen Republic is based upon the respect for human and civil rights, upon the right of national towards the self-determination, upon the principles of equal rights of nations, of the priority of civil accord, international peace and security for citizens residing on the territory of the Chechen Republic regardless of their nationality, religious identity and other differences.
4. The Joint Commission shall end its work upon the mutual agreement of the parties.

Signed by A. Lebed, A. Maskhadov, S-Kh. Abumuslimov

Date of signing: 25.08.1996, Place of signing: Khasavyurt, Republic of Dagestan

In the presence of the Head of the Special Task Group of the OSCE for Chechnya, Mr. T. Guldimann