

## **Peace Treaty and Principles of Interrelation between Russian Federation and Chechen Republic Ichkeria**

The esteemed parties to the agreement, desiring to end their centuries-long antagonism and striving to establish firm, equal and mutually beneficial relations, hereby agree:

1. To reject forever the use of force or threat of force in resolving all matters of dispute.
2. To develop their relations on generally recognised principles and norms of international law. In doing so, the sides shall interact on the basis of specific concrete agreements.
3. This treaty shall serve as the basis for concluding further agreements and accords on the full range of relations.
4. This treaty is written on two copies and both have equal legal power.
5. This treaty is active from the day of signing.

Moscow, 12 May 1997.

(signed)

B. Yeltsin  
President of the Russian Federation

A. Maskhadov  
President of the Chechen Republic  
Ichkeria