

**By the Judgement of 6 December 2018 No. 44-II/2018 the Constitutional Court appraised constitutionality of the Law of the Republic of Ingushetia “On Approval of the Agreement on Establishment of a Border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic” and the Agreement on Establishment of a Border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic.**

The contested legal acts were a subject-matter of consideration insofar as they in normative unity decide on the establishment of a border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic as constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

The Constitutional Court has recognised the contested legal acts as not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation, as well as pointed out that the Law of the Republic of Ingushetia “On Approval of the Agreement on Establishment of a Border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic”, as not losing legal force and effective and, accordingly, the Agreement on Establishment of a Border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic, as not deprived of legal grounds of entry into force and effective, are binding in the whole territory of the Russian Federation for all representative, executive and judicial bodies of State power, bodies of local self-government, enterprises, agencies, organisations, officials, citizens and their associations.

The Constitutional Court has emphasised that participation of the Council of Federation in the establishment of a border between constituent entities of the Russian Federation is not obligatory.

The Constitutional Court has pointed out that the Agreement on Establishment of a Border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic has been approved by the supreme legislative (representative) bodies of these republics and by virtue of effective legal regulation required no approval by referendum of the Republic of Ingushetia.

The Constitutional Court has also pointed out that there are no reasons to assume that in adoption of the said Law of the Republic of Ingushetia breach by People's Assembly of the Republic of Ingushetia of constitutionally-significant procedural rules not allowing to ensure authenticity of deputies' will took place. This Law may not be recognised as contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation as to the procedure of adoption.

The Constitutional Court has also ascertained that the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Ingushetia in any event was not entitled to adopt a decision entailing impossibility to apply the said Law of the Republic of Ingushetia "On Approval of the Agreement on Establishment of a Border between the Republic of Ingushetia and the Chechen Republic" and therefore the Agreement approved by this Law as well.