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The adoption of the Russian Constitution was seen as the beginning of a new era for Russia.

Twenty years ago today, on Dec. 12, 1993, the Russian Constitution was adopted by popular vote, marking the end of the Soviet regime and establishing a framework for the new Russia.

The outcome of the national referendum was seen as a political victory by then-President Boris Yeltsin, who had fought the Supreme Council against limiting the president's prerogatives in the legal document.

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