Appendix A

Soviet Party and Government
Before the Gorbachev Reforms

Policy-making
The Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU)

General Secretary

The Defence Council
Military Chiefs of Staff

Politburo

Central Committee of the CPSU
CPSU secretariat and departments
Republic CPs
Lower Party organization

Administration
The Soviet government

Chairman of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers

Praesidium of the Council of Ministers
State committees and ministries
State republic and republic ministries
Local administrative organization

Legitimization
The soviets

Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet (head of state)

Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet
Commissions of the Supreme Soviet
Republic soviets
Lower soviets

Supreme Soviet

Central Committee
CPSU secretariat
Republic CPs
Lower Party organization

State committees and ministries
State republic and republic ministries
Local administrative organization

Supreme Soviet

Praesidium
Council of Ministers

Praesidium of the
Council of Ministers

Chairman of the
Praesidium
Appendix B

The Governmental Structure, Spring to Autumn 1990

The President

(Deputy President)

Council of the Federation

Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet

The Supreme Soviet (Soviet of the Union and Soviet of Nationalities)

Supreme Soviet standing commissions

Congress of People's Deputies (Soviets of the Union, of Nationalities and of Representatives)

Republic Supreme Soviets (Russia alone has a CPD)

Republic ministries

Local soviets

Local government departments

The Presidential Council

Chairman of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers ('Prime Minister')

Praesidium of the Council of Ministers

The Council of Ministers

The Defence Council

Constitutional Review Committee

Republic-Union ministries

All-Union ministries and state committees
Appendix C

The Governmental Structure, from early in 1991

The President
(Deputy President)

The Security Council

The Supreme Soviet
(Soviet of the Union and Soviet of Nationalities)

Supreme Soviet standing commissions

Congress of People's Deputies (Soviets of the Union, of Nationalities and of Representatives)

Republic Supreme Soviets (Russia alone has a CPD)

Republic ministries

Local soviets

Local government departments

Council of the Federation

Cabinet of Ministers

Constitutional Review Committee

All-Union ministries and state committees

Republic—Union ministries
Appendix D

The Union of Sovereign States

Provisional Governmental Structure from 5 September 1991 to December 1991

The President

The State Council

The Repubblics

The Supreme Soviet

(Council of the Republics, dealing with republic matters; Council of the Union, dealing with Union matters)

The Inter-republican Economic Committee

(officials responsible for managing and reform of the economy)

Republic ministries

Union ministries