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**Letter dated 8 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 6–8 December 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) V. Nebenzia



Annex to the letter dated 8 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (6 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five violations: three in Aleppo Governorate and two in Damascus Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported one incident of gunfire in Damascus Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Mab'ujah Ghasibiyah, Hama Governorate. Food with a total weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,694 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,332.2 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 57 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,549 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with Maharim and Khawari in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,301.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (7 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported nine violations: seven in Aleppo Governorate and two in Homs Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported four incidents of gunfire: two in Damascus Governorate and two in Idlib Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusra Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out two humanitarian operations: food with a total weight of 1.3 tons was delivered to Sarjah Kabirah, Aleppo Governorate; and food with a total weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to Zabadani, Damascus Governorate.

In total, 1,696 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,335.4 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 33 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,582 residents.

The passage of two United Nations humanitarian convoys was assured to Tafas and Tayyibah in Dar'á Governorate. Food and household supplies with a total cargo weight of 164 tons were delivered to the local population.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,301.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (8 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six violations in the following Governorates: four in Aleppo, one in Homs and one in Ladhikiyah.

The Turkish representative office has reported one incident of gunfire in Idlib Governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusra Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out two humanitarian operations: in Khirbat al-Qabw, Homs Governorate; and in Ladhikiyah, Ladhikiyah Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 3.2 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,698 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,338.6 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 48 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,630 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire regime agreement has been signed with Dalbuz in Homs Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,302.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah Governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.