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**Letter dated 15 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 13–15 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 15 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 (13 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 two violations: one in Aleppo Governorate and one in Homs Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported three incidents of gunfire in Damascus Governorate.

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

**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 Tayyibat al-Imam, Hama Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,702 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,343.7 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 58 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,740 residents.

**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 2,305.

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 (14 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: four in Aleppo Governorate and one in Ladhqiyyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported one incident of gunfire in Dar'a Governorate.

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

### **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 Damascus, Damascus Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,703 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,345.6 tons.

Over the past 24 hours medical assistance has been provided to 16 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,756 residents.

A United Nations humanitarian convoy delivered food with a total cargo weight of 156 tons to the local population of Tall Shihab in Dar'a Governorate.

A United Nations and Syrian Arab Red Crescent humanitarian convoy travelling to Kafr Laha, Homs Governorate, consisting of 26 refrigerators of humanitarian cargo (food, medicine and essential items), with a total cargo weight of 156 tons, was prevented from entering de-escalation area No. 2 by fighters of illegal armed groups and returned to Homs.

### **Reconciliation of opposing sides**

Over the past 24 hours two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with Mudan and Kusiniyah in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,307.

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 (15 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 seven violations in the following Governorates: five in Aleppo, one in Homs and one in Ladhikiyah.

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 Nusra Front terrorist group.

### **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 Ard al-Jabburin, Homs Governorate. Food with a total cargo weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,704 humanitarian operations have been carried out, with a total cargo weight of 2,347.5 tons.

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

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 66,804 residents.

A United Nations humanitarian convoy delivered food with a total cargo weight of 156 tons to Kafr Laha, Homs Governorate.

### **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.

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.