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**Letter dated 21 February 2018 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 regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 17–20 February 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* V. Nebenzia



**Annex to the letter dated 21 February 2018 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 regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (17 February 2018)**

**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 12 incidents of gunfire.

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

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah 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 Bunduqah, Aleppo Governorate. Food with a total weight of 1.1 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,754 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,456.6 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 62 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 70,815 persons.

**Reconciliation of opposing sides**

Over the past 24 hours, a ceasefire agreement has been signed with Jubb al-A'amah in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,362.

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.

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**Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (18 February 2018)**

**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 13 incidents of gunfire.

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

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

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

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,754 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,456.6 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 50 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 70,865 persons.

**Reconciliation of opposing sides**

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

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,362.

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 regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (19 February 2018)**

**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 15 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: seven in Damascus, five in Ladhqiyyah and three in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported three incidents of gunfire: two in Homs Governorate and one in Damascus Governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah 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 Husayniyah, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate. Food with a total weight of 1.9 tons was delivered to the local population.

In total, 1,755 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,458.5 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 52 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 70,917 persons.

**Reconciliation of opposing sides**

Over the past 24 hours, a ceasefire agreement has been signed with Jabriyah in Hama Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,363.

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.

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**Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (20 February 2018)**

**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 18 incidents of gunfire.

The Turkish representative office has reported nine incidents of gunfire: six in Damascus Governorate and three in Hama Governorate.

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

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

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,755 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,458.5 tons.

The safe passage of one United Nations humanitarian convoy was assured to Tall Shihab in Dar'a Governorate. The total weight of cargo delivered was 136 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 56 persons.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 70,973 persons.

**Reconciliation of opposing sides**

Over the past 24 hours, a ceasefire agreement has been signed with Timuzah in Hama Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,364.

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.

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