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Letter dated 2 February 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 bulletins from the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 28 January-2 February 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 2 February 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (28 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,155.

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

The number of illegal armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 104.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The following armed opposition units joined the ceasefire: Faylaq al-Sham, Front for the People of the Levant (Army of Mujahidin, Revolutionaries of the Levant), Sultan Murad Brigade, Idlib Army, Hawks of the Levant, Rahman Corps, Levant Front, Fastaqim group, Jaysh al-Izzah, Victory Army, First Coastal Division, Army of Islam, Martyrs of Islam Brigade, Tajammu‘ Ahrar Asha’ir al-Janub, Jabhat Thuwar Suriyah, Military Council of Qunaytirah, Sayf al-Sham, Mujahidin of Hawran, Ahrar Nawa, Mu‘taz Billah, Firqah al-Khamisah (Fifth Division), 18 March, Jaysh al-Thawrah (Army of the Revolution), Shabab al-Sunnah, Umari, Ababil Army, Furqan Brigade, Liwa’ al-Awwal (First Brigade), Faylaq al-Awwal (First Brigade), Firqat al-Maghawir, Islamic Dawn (Fajr al-Islam), Izz bin Abdulsalam, Karamah Brigade, Lions of the Sunnah, Special Missions Brigade, Haramayn Brigade, Salah al-Din Brigade, Homs Brigade, Sons of Khalid Brigade, Fallujat Hawran (Division), Qasiyn Brigades, Ansar al-Islam, Jaydur Hawran (Brigade), Hashim Division, 46th Infantry, Firqat al-Haq, Amud Hawran, Mu‘tasim Battalion, Martyrs for Freedom, Ahmad al-Abdu Forces, Lions of the East, 99th Division, Martyr Ra’id al-Misri Brigade, Qadisiyah Division, Thabitin Army, Liwa’ Tawhid Kata’ib Hawran, Martyr Nabil Battalion, Knights of Hawran Brigade, Southern Storm Brigade, Karamah Company, Levant Liberation Brigade, Asha’ir Division, Fajr al-Tawhid and Liyajat Unification Brigade.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported five violations in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has not reported any violations over the past 24 hours.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (29 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,155.

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

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 104.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

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The following armed opposition units joined the ceasefire: Faylaq al-Sham, Front for the People of the Levant (Army of Mujahidin, Revolutionaries of the Levant), Sultan Murad Brigade, Idlib Army, Hawks of the Levant, Rahman Corps, Levant Front, Fastaqim group, Jaysh al-Izzah, Victory Army, First Coastal Division, Army of Islam, Martyrs of Islam Brigade, Tajammu‘ Ahrar Asha’ir al-Janub, Jabhat Thuwar Suriyah, Military Council of Qunaytirah, Sayf al-Sham, Mujahidin of Hawran, Ahrar Nawa, Mu‘taz Billah, Firqah al-Khamisah (Fifth Division), 18 March, Jaysh al-Thawrah (Army of the Revolution), Shabab al-Sunnah, Umari, Ababil Army, Furqan Brigade, Liwa’ al-Awwal (First Brigade), Faylaq al-Awwal (First Brigade), Firqat al-Maghawir, Islamic Dawn (Fajr al-Islam), Izz bin Abdulsalam, Karamah Brigade, Lions of the Sunnah, Special Missions Brigade, Haramayn Brigade, Salah al-Din Brigade, Homs Brigade, Sons of Khalid Brigade, Fallujat Hawran (Division), Qasiyn Brigades, Ansar al-Islam, Jaydur Hawran (Brigade), Hashim Division, 46th Infantry, Firqat al-Haq, Amud Hawran, Mu‘tasim Battalion, Martyrs for Freedom, Ahmad al-Abdu Forces, Lions of the East, 99th Division, Martyr Ra’id al-Misri Brigade, Qadisiyah Division, Thabitin Army, Liwa’ Tawhid Kata’ib Hawran, Martyr Nabil Battalion, Knights of Hawran Brigade, Southern Storm Brigade, Karamah Company, Levant Liberation Brigade, Asha’ir Division, Fajr al-Tawhid and Liyajat Unification Brigade.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported two violations in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported 14 violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: 7 in Aleppo, 4 in Damascus, 2 in Homs and 1 in Ladhiqiyah.

Investigations of these incidents have revealed that 1 violation was committed by the Nusrah Front. The other 13 violations have not been confirmed by Russia.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (30 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,155.

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

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 has increased to 109.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported three violations: two in Hama governorate and one in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported two violations of the consolidated agreement: one in Idlib governorate and one in Dar‘a governorate.

The violations reported by the Turkish representative office have not been confirmed by the Russian representative office.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (30 January 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out 12 humanitarian operations in Aleppo city (in the Qasilah and Shaykh Maqsud districts (twice), at a retirement home in the Qaralaq district, at schools in the Karm-al-Da‘da‘, Akramiyah, Khalidiyah, Uwayjah, Sulyamaniah and Ashrafiyah districts, and at the mosques in the Hamdaniyah-1 and Aqyul districts), during which more than 7.5 tons of bread, 3,000 portions of hot food and 1,200 food parcels were delivered to civilians.

In total, 15.2 tons of humanitarian cargoes were distributed to the population.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 9,960 inhabitants.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food products) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which was received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (31 January 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, seven ceasefire agreements have been signed with Jaramana, Mulayhah, Zabdin and Dayr al-Asafir in Damascus governorate, and with Halban, Bardunah and Duwaybah in Hama governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,162.

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

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 109.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported six violations: three in Ladhiqiyah governorate and three in Hama governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported nine violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: three in Damascus, two in Aleppo, two in Homs, one in Idlib and one in Ladhiqiyah.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the nine violations.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (31 January 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

The Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides carried out eight humanitarian operations: six in Aleppo city, one in Ladhiqiyah city and one at Jaramana in Damascus governorate.

More than 3.2 tons of bread, 1,000 portions of hot food and 400 food parcels were delivered to civilians in Aleppo city (in the Furqan district, at schools in the Jabiriyah, Sukkari and Ballat districts and at the railway vocational college in the Shaykh Taha district) and to Jaramana in Damascus governorate.

Over 770 children's backpacks and gift sets were delivered to pupils at a primary school in the Maydan district of Aleppo city and at the Hero Wahib Khalil Mustafa Secondary School in Ladhiqiyah city.

In total, 5.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes were distributed to the population.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 4,037 inhabitants.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by international organizations

Russian airplanes parachuted 20.8 tons of humanitarian cargoes (food products) to the city of Dayr al-Zawr, which was received by the Syrian authorities through the United Nations.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by other States

Over the past 24 hours, no other States have carried out humanitarian operations in Syria.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (1 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, eight ceasefire agreements have been signed with Danin, Junas and Jibrin in Hama governorate; Ma‘raba, Duma, Adra al-Ummaliyah and Adra al-Balad in Damascus governorate; and Zaydal in Homs governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,170.

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

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 109.

Over the past 24 hours, Syrian government forces have liberated eight populated areas from armed groups of the international terrorist organization Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Six populated areas — Bijan, Tall Bijan, Sirdah, Qulay‘ah, Khirbat al-Tuba and Kasrah — are in Aleppo governorate and two — Marhitan and Tadmuriyah — are in Homs governorate. Syrian government forces have liberated a total of 29 populated areas since 1 January 2017.

Over the past 24 hours, 36.7 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 913.1 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported three violations: two in Ladhiqiyah governorate and one in Hama governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported nine violations of the consolidated agreement in the following governorates: three in Damascus, three in Aleppo, two in Ladhiqiyah and one in Dar‘a.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office was unable to confirm the nine violations.

Humanitarian bulletin of the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (1 February 2017)

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by the Russian Federation

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out five humanitarian operations in Aleppo city (at schools in the Qatirji, Firdaws al-Jadidah, A‘zamiyah, Tishrin and Ma‘aliy districts), during which more than 3.4 tons of bread and 1,500 portions of hot food were delivered to civilians.

In total, 3.7 tons of humanitarian cargoes were distributed to the population. Humanitarian assistance was provided to 4,010 inhabitants.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic by other States and international organizations

Under the United Nations winter programme, non-food humanitarian aid, such as thermal blankets, winter clothing and children’s kits, were distributed in the eastern part of Aleppo city. More than 5 tons of food received through the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) were delivered to inhabitants of Jibrin.

Information bulletin of the Russian Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic (2 February 2017)

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, seven ceasefire agreements have been signed with Hawsh Nasri, Hawsh al-Dawahirah, Tall al-Surah, Hawsh al-Farah, Maydan and Hafir al-Tahta in Damascus governorate and Qusaybah in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,177.

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

The number of armed groups which have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire of 27 February 2016 remains unchanged at 109.

The number of populated areas which Syrian government forces have liberated from armed groups of the international terrorist group Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) since 1 January 2017 remains unchanged at 29.

Over the past 24 hours, 20.5 square kilometres have fallen under the control of government forces. A total area of 933.6 square kilometres has been liberated since 1 January 2017.

Observance of the ceasefire regime

From 0000 hours on 30 December 2016, a ceasefire came into force in accordance with the consolidated agreement on a comprehensive resolution of the Syrian crisis.

The number of Syrian opposition armed groups that have joined the ceasefire regime is unchanged — it is still 64.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the consolidated agreement has reported three violations in Ladhiqiyah governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported seven violations of the consolidated agreement: five in Damascus governorate and two in Hama governorate.

During its investigations of these incidents, the Russian representative office confirmed one ceasefire violation. It has not confirmed the other six incidents.