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**Letter dated 24 August 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 23 and 24 August 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 24 August 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 (23 August 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 Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 14 incidents of gunfire: 7 in Aleppo Governorate and 7 in Ladhīqiyah Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: three in Hama, one in Aleppo and one in Idlib.

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

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out one humanitarian operation: In Ma'arriyah and Ardah, Qunaytirah Governorate, 900 food parcels with a total weight of 3.75 tons were distributed.

In total, 1,904 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,932.01 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 258 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 89,410 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

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

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is 2,518.

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 (24 August 2018)

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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: 8 in Ladhqiyyah Governorate and 7 in Aleppo Governorate.

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

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out two humanitarian operations:

- In Marrat, Dayr al-Zawr Governorate, 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed.
- In Dayr Ful, Homs Governorate, 650 food parcels with a total weight of 2.8 tons were distributed as humanitarian aid.

In total, 1,906 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,937.61 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 335 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 89,745 residents.

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