

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan regarding the agreements on ceasefire in Syria



We welcome the agreements on ceasefire in the entire territory of the Syrian Arab Republic and the readiness of the Government and the armed opposition to engage in peace negotiations guaranteed by the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey.

We consider the signing of the three documents including On the ceasefire between the Government of Syria and the armed opposition, On the package of measures to oversee the ceasefire regime, and On the readiness to begin negotiations on the settlement of the Syrian conflict, as a realistic basis for further practical measures to resolve the Syrian crisis.

It is important that the plan was supported by United Nations and Arab League Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura and other parties interested in the early cessation of hostilities in Syria.

In this regard, we confirm the readiness announced earlier by President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev to host such negotiations in Astana. We understand that the negotiations can be held only provided consistent compliance with the ceasefire regime is ensured.

We hope these agreements will help to resume an inclusive political process in Syria in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2254 (2015).

Kazakhstan is ready to further facilitate such efforts of the international community, including as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council holding the post from January 1, 2017, till December 31, 2018.

Astana, December 30, 2016