

## OIC Secretary General participates in the Syria Support Group meeting in Munich

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The OIC Secretary General, Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani took part in the meeting of the International Syria Support Group (ISSG), which gathered in Munich, Germany on Thursday, 11 February 2016, in which the OIC is member.

The meeting, which was co-chaired by the U.S. and Russian Federation reunites the 17 members of the ISSG, examined the issues of ensuring humanitarian access to all besieged areas in Syria and achieving the nationwide cessation of hostilities, as well as resuming political talks.

The meeting was aimed at addressing the critical situation in Syria and to come up with concrete commitments of influencing parties to put an immediate end to the suffering of civilian population under siege in many parts of Syria and who are facing dire humanitarian conditions.

The meeting considered the modalities of reaching urgent steps to implement the provisions of the UN resolution 2254, particularly those related to the delivery of humanitarian access to areas under siege this week, the achievement of nationwide cessation of hostilities within one week and the advancement of a political transition by the reconvening of the negotiations under the auspices of the UN Special Envoy as soon as possible, without preconditions.

The meeting established two task forces dedicated to work on unhindered humanitarian access and on a ceasefire in Syria in view to create conducive conditions for a political solution and a significant reduction of violence. These two task forces are open to all ISSG members and will be led by the UN.

A statement of the International Syrian Support Group was issued following the deliberations.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the OIC Secretary General held bilateral meetings with the UN Special Envoy for Syria, the Foreign Ministers of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar and the Arab Republic of Egypt and the US Assistant Secretary of State to discuss regional and international issues of common interest.

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