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On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

Although the Syrian Arab Army announced on 1 August 2019 that it agreed to, and undertook to comply with, a ceasefire in the de-escalation zone in Idlib, the armed terrorist groups backed by Turkey have refused to commit to the ceasefire and have carried out numerous attacks on civilians in the surrounding safe zones.

The authorities of the Turkish regime have continued to allow their proxy terrorist organizations based in Idlib to carry out attacks and acts of aggression. That course of action shows that Turkey has continued to act as a saboteur and ignore its commitments under the Sochi agreement concerning the Idlib area, thereby helping to strengthen the terrorists' positions and spread the threat of terrorism on the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

When the Turkish regime found that its attempts to mislead the international community were on a fast track to failure, it deployed dozens of Turkish military vehicles laden with ammunition and materiel, which crossed the Syrian-Turkish border on 21 August. The vehicles entered the city of Saraqib, travelling to Khan Shaykhun in order to shore up the failing terrorists of the Nusrah Front, which has been included on the lists of the Security Council as a terrorist organization. Such actions are yet another sign of the Turkish regime's unfettered support for the terrorist organizations, which is being offered in full view of the world.

The Syrian Arab Army will continue to combat terrorist organizations, whatever they may be called, in fulfilment of its constitutional duty to protect the people and keep them safe, and in accordance with the resolutions of the Security Council concerning the fight against terrorist organizations of all stripes, including the Nusrah Front which controls Idlib.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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