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Dear Lord Alton,

Thank you for your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> May. We fully share your view that Daesh, al-Nusra Front and their likes are guilty of committing massive crimes against the civilian population of Syria, including ethnic and religious minorities. We do believe that only the elimination of terrorism in Syria will create necessary conditions for bringing peace and stability to this country. And that was the very reason why Russia decided to get involved militarily in Syria on 30 September 2015. As a result, aided by the Russian Aerospace Force, the Syrian Army has managed to turn the tide in the war against terrorism. The liberation of the ancient Palmyra is a proof of that.

Since the start of our action against terrorists at the request of the Syrian Government, we have been offering our partners, including the United Kingdom, to establish practical coordination on combat-related issues. Unfortunately, for the time being they are not ready for real combat coordination.

Moreover, while working on Syria-related issues at the UN, our partners very often end up blaming the Syrian Government for the present situation in the country. That was the case of the draft UNSC resolution referring the Syrian situation to the ICC, which you have mentioned in your letter. We believe the resolution contained biased assessments and was singling out the Syrian Government by using ICC mechanisms under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. From

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