Russian Federation: draft resolution

The Security Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Syria and to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that Al-Ramtha border crossing with Jordan established pursuant to resolution of the Security Council 2165 (2014) has not been operational since July 2018,

Noting also that the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has retaken control over areas in South-West and North-East of Syria including alongside its border with Jordan and Iraq,

Emphasizing that the cross border mechanism was established as an urgent and temporary solution to address the humanitarian needs of the population, which could not be reached through existing cross line operations,

Emphasizing the importance to further robust monitoring of the humanitarian nature of UN relief consignments and their delivery inside Syria and encouraging the United Nations and their implementing partners to continue to take steps to scale up humanitarian deliveries throughout the country, notably into hard-to-reach areas,

Reiterating the need for all parties to respect and uphold the relevant provisions of international humanitarian law and the United Nations guiding principles of humanitarian emergency assistance, emphasizing the importance of upholding the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence, in the provision of humanitarian assistance and recalling also the importance of humanitarian deliveries reaching their intended beneficiaries,

Underscoring that Member States are obligated under Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations to accept and carry out the Council’s decisions,

1. Calls upon all parties to ensure principled, sustained and improved humanitarian assistance to Syria;

2. Decides to renew the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 2165 (2014), excluding border crossings Al Yarubiyah and Al-Ramtha for a period of six months, that is, until 10 July 2020;

3. Demands that all parties allow safe, unimpeded and sustained access for United Nations humanitarian agencies and their implementing partners’ humanitarian convoys, including medical and surgical supplies, to all requested areas and
populations according to United Nations’ assessment of need in all parts of Syria, especially Idlib;

4. *Calls* upon United Nations humanitarian agencies to improve monitoring of the delivery and distribution of UN relief consignments and their delivery inside Syria;

5. *Also calls* upon all United Nations humanitarian agencies and their implementing partners’ to ensure appropriate identification for vehicles delivering humanitarian assistance through cross-border operations authorized by this resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to brief the Council monthly and to provide a report before the end of June 2020, on the implementation of this resolution and further requests the Secretary-General to continue to include in his reports overall trends in UN cross-line and cross-border humanitarian access and detailed information on the humanitarian assistance delivered through UN humanitarian cross-border operations, including on the number of beneficiaries, locations of aid deliveries, nature of items delivered, as well as on the list of organization and actors engaged in delivery and distribution of the humanitarian assistance;

7. *Reaffirms* that it will take further measures under the Charter of the United Nations in the event of non-compliance with this resolution;

8. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.