

# OIC Welcomes Ceasefire Agreement in Syria

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The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) expressed satisfaction to reaching an agreement for a comprehensive ceasefire in Syria unanimously approved by the UN Security Council (UNSC) in its Resolution No. 2336 dated 31/12/2016.

H.E. Dr. Yousef Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, the OIC Secretary General welcomed reaching the agreement and asserted that it must be comprehensive and durable to put an end to the cycle of violence, killing, and displacement the Syrian people have been suffering for six years.

In this regard, Al-Othaimeen stressed that the obligation of all parties that pledged ceasefire is to implement that on the ground, stressing the importance of creating an international mechanism to monitor the implementation of this agreement.

The OIC Secretary General stated the OIC principled position approved by the Islamic Summit and ministerial statements and resolutions supporting reaching a political solution to the Syrian crisis within the framework of the Geneva Communiqué 1 and relevant UNSC resolutions including Resolution No. 2254 for the year 2015 and Resolution No. 2268 for the year 2016.

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