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## **Interreligious Council of Russia issues a statement on the beginning of military operation of the Russian Federation in Syria**

The traditional religious communities of Russia expressed understanding on the Federation Council's decision to use the Russian Armed Forces to defend civilians of Syria from the threat of terrorism and to support governmental troops of the Syrian Arab Republic in the fight against the Islamic State organization banned in the territory of the Russian Federation. The statement of the Interreligious Council of Russia issued on September 30 says:

“Strictly adhering to the standards of international law, our country is again prepared to render support to the people whose life, health and freedom are really endangered by the actions of international terrorists.”

The statement expresses hope that “the assistance of Russia will stave off the threat of terror and hasten the coming of peaceful life in this country and in the entire Middle East on the basis of dialogue and accord among different ethnic, religious and ideological groups.”

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