

Comment by the Information and Press Department on UN Security Council Committee 1267/1989/2253 upholding Russia's application on amending the original data and profile of Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist group

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On June 5, UN Security Council Committee 1267/1989/2253 on sanctions against ISIS, Al-Qaeda and related individuals and legal entities upheld Russia's application on amending the data in the sanctions list maintained by the Committee concerning Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist group. Now, the other name of this terrorist group, Hayat Tahrir ash-Sham, is indicated, which it uses to hide amid a broader association of other smaller terrorist groups, which was formally not recorded in the UN Security Council's sanctions anti-terrorist list.

This decision was made possible by the withdrawal of objections to our initiative, primarily from the United States, as well as Britain and France. Washington has long resisted this step, apparently based on its own ideas about Jabhat al-Nusra in the wake of the dual policy of the United States on combating terrorism in Syria. Still, better late than never.

We welcome this decision by Committee 1267/1989/2253, which means it supports Russia's policy of resolutely opposing terrorist elements regardless of the fronts they may use to hide, and understands the need to jointly counter the global threat of terrorism without double standards, politicisation or hidden agendas.