



**12 November 2014 – The UN Special Envoy for Syria has expressed guarded optimism on a peace plan centred on the city of Aleppo, as UN faces the coming winter with serious funding shortages.**

The proposal to 'freeze' the Syrian conflict in the besieged city of Aleppo is gaining traction, Staffan de Mistura, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Syria has confirmed. If successful, he said, it could form the basis of a wide-ranging peace proposal.

Speaking at a press briefing in the Syrian capital, Damascus, yesterday Staffan de Mistura told journalists that the past three days had seen 'many useful and constructive meetings' between him and Syrian Government officials, including the Foreign Minister, Deputy Foreign Minister and President Bashar al-Assad, in which the UN's action plan for resolving the three and a half year civil war via a 'freezing' of hostilities had been widely discussed.

# 'Freeze plan' gains ground as UN fears for refugees this winter

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