



SMM monitoring officers patrolling near Olenivka, Donetsk region (OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

## FACTS MATTER

- Between 9 December and 12 January, the SMM recorded about 16,000 ceasefire violations, fewer compared to 28,000 ceasefire violations in the previous five-week period (4 November-8 December).
- The SMM continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three disengagement areas – Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske – and noted in particular demining activities in the latter two.
- On 29 December, the SMM monitored and facilitated on the ground in Donetsk region the release and exchange of detainees. Since 2015, the Mission has monitored the exchange of detainees on eight occasions.
- The SMM recorded 111 weapons in violation of their respective withdrawal lines, compared to 108 in the previous five-week period: 87 in government-controlled areas and 24 in areas outside government control. The Mission continued to observe military and military-type presence, including in and near residential areas. It spotted, for instance, infantry fighting vehicles in a residential area of Popasna and a probable anti-aircraft gun in a residential area of Verkhnoшыrokyivske (formerly Oktiabr).
- The SMM continued to observe the presence of anti-tank mines and unexploded ordnance, including near populated areas and areas where civilians cross the contact line. The SMM observed for the first time anti-tank mines near government-controlled Pyschchevyk, Krasnohorivka and Slavne, as well as near non-government-controlled Pikuzy and Nova Marivka.
- Between 9 December and 12 January, the Mission confirmed five civilian casualties – three injuries and two fatalities – including two injuries and one fatality since the beginning of 2020. In 2019, the SMM confirmed 147 civilian casualties (19 fatalities, 128 injuries).
- Civilians continue to face hardships at entry-exit checkpoints (EECP) and corresponding checkpoints along the contact line. During the reporting period, the Mission reported the deaths on three cases of deaths of elderly civilians due to natural causes while waiting to cross the contact line. In 2019, the Mission reported a total of 32 cases of natural deaths at EECPs and corresponding checkpoints.
- The Mission's freedom of movement was restricted 103 times, all but three times in non-government-controlled areas. In addition, SMM unmanned aerial vehicles were subjected to signal interference (55 occasions), and were targeted by small-arms fire seven times.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports).

## MISSION MEMBERS as of 13 January 2020



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, two Deputy Chief Monitors, advisors, analysts, etc.

\*\* National staff includes assistants, advisors and administrative personnel.

## MISSION MONITORS

|                        |     |                    |            |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------|
| Albania                | 6   | Kyrgyzstan         | 23         |
| Armenia                | 2   | Latvia             | 9          |
| Austria                | 9   | Lithuania          | 1          |
| Azerbaijan             | 1   | Moldova            | 41         |
| Belarus                | 5   | Montenegro         | 3          |
| Belgium                | 2   | Netherlands        | 2          |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 52  | North Macedonia    | 26         |
| Bulgaria               | 46  | Norway             | 11         |
| Canada                 | 26  | Poland             | 36         |
| Croatia                | 10  | Portugal           | 1          |
| Czech Republic         | 13  | Romania            | 29         |
| Denmark                | 8   | Russian Federation | 41         |
| Estonia                | 2   | Serbia             | 15         |
| Finland                | 23  | Slovakia           | 11         |
| France                 | 16  | Slovenia           | 1          |
| Georgia                | 20  | Spain              | 12         |
| Germany                | 33  | Sweden             | 16         |
| Greece                 | 21  | Switzerland        | 6          |
| Hungary                | 20  | Tajikistan         | 13         |
| Ireland                | 8   | Turkey             | 9          |
| Italy                  | 19  | United Kingdom     | 49         |
| Kazakhstan             | 5   | United States      | 54         |
|                        |     | <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>756</b> |
| Male                   | 614 | Female             | 142        |

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 750 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 600 based in the east;
- From 44 OSCE participating States.

### What we do

- Report the facts as we observe and establish them;
- Gather information and report on the security situation;
- Report on the humanitarian situation and people's needs, and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid of other organizations;
- Help to establish dialogue and local ceasefires.

### Important to understand:

- It is up to the sides to stop the fighting;
- We do not conduct investigations, but report on facts;
- We do not deliver but facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid.