# As of 11 February 2019 Report



Woman close to the entry-exit checkpoint near Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk region (Photo credit: OSCE/Evgeniy Maloletka)

### **FACTS MATTER**

- Between 28 January and 10 February, the SMM recorded over 10,400 ceasefire violations (compared with almost 9,500 in the previous two-week period); and observed 130 weapons in violation of the agreed withdrawal lines (53 in areas not controlled by the Government). In a number of incidents, civilians were directly impacted. School children in Zolote were sent home following shelling in the area; workers preparing for a funeral in Chermalyk came under small-arms fire and required SMM facilitation before reaching safety: and a truck driver delivering humanitarian aid near Kadiiyka was subjected to small-arms
- The SMM corroborated the deaths of two elderly people attempting to cross the contact line, taking the number of cases to 14 since late December 2018. The Mission continued to observe long queues of civilians at entry-exit checkpoints. Separately, the Ukrainian State Border Guard Service told the SMM that about 37,000 crossings of the contact line had been made by civilians every day in 2018, amounting to over 13 million crossings throughout the year.
- The Mission facilitated and monitored localized adherence to the ceasefire on 47 occasions to enable repairs to 15 civilian infrastructure facilities along the contact line and continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station. Within the reporting period, repair work was completed to a water pipeline near Berezove, which provides potable water to around 10,000 civilians on both sides of the contact line, and power lines in Katerynivka, allowing for the restoration of electricity to about 500 residents.
- Following up on developments related to the Azov Sea, the SMM heard from numerous interlocutors who highlighted negative implications, including the suspension of fishing and the threat of lay-offs in the fishing industry; the loss of contracts for ship repair yards and increased insurance costs for companies shipping cargo.
- The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.



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

## SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION TO UKRAINE

#### Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors:
- Around 800 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.

# MISSION MONITORS

IVITSSION	IVION	IIIORS	
Albania	6	Kazakhstan	4
Armenia	1	Kyrgyzstan	23
Austria	11	Latvia	8
Azerbaijan	1	Lithuania	2
Belarus	8	Moldova	39
Belgium	1	Montenegro	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Netherlands	2
Bulgaria	42	Norway	14
Canada	28	Poland	38
Croatia	10	Portugal	2
Czech Republic	15	Romania	31
Denmark	9	Russian Federation	37
Estonia	3	Serbia	12
Finland	24	Slovakia	12
France	17	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	28	Spain	12
Georgia	23	Sweden	27
Germany	35	Switzerland	7
Greece	23	Tajikistan	13
Hungary	22	Turkey	10
Ireland	9	United Kingdom	58
Italy	24	United States	62
		TOTAL	805
Male	640	Female	165





<sup>\*\*</sup> National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.