Summary

- Following the instruction of 24 February to temporarily evacuate all SMM international mission members, the Kharkiv Monitoring Team completed its evacuation and the Kherson Monitoring Team started its evacuation.
- The relocation of national mission members formerly stationed in Kramatorsk and Sievierodonetsk continues while the relocation of those formerly stationed in Mariupol is pending due to security concerns.
- The Chief Monitor and senior management will remain in Ukraine until the evacuation process is complete.

Kherson region

On 5 March, the Kherson Monitoring Team started its evacuation from its office in Kherson city (see below).

SMM evacuation

The Mission continued its evacuation activities as per the 24 February instruction to temporarily evacuate all international mission members.

On the evening of 4 March, the evacuation westward through Ukraine of the Kharkiv Monitoring Team was completed. In the afternoon of 5 March, the Kherson Monitoring Team left the SMM office in Kherson city in a south-eastern direction.

On the same day, the relocation of national mission members formerly stationed in Kramatorsk and Sievierodonetsk continued. Due to ongoing kinetic activity, the relocation of national mission members formerly stationed in Mariupol could not be initiated. Relocation of these mission members is planned once the security situation allows for it.

The Chief Monitor and senior management will remain in Ukraine until the rest of the evacuation process is complete.

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1 Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 16:00, 5 March 2022. All times are in Eastern European Time. The SMM is deployed to ten locations throughout Ukraine – Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Luhansk and Kyiv – as per Permanent Council Decision 1117 of 21 March 2014.