



Statement

The participants of the meeting of the representatives of Russian and Ukrainian media organizations held in Vienna, with the mediation of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media:

- Strongly condemn all acts of violence and violations of journalists' rights on the territory of Donetsk and Luhansk regions;
- State that the number of captive journalists has recently decreased from eight (in September 2014) to two and positively assess this fact;
- Condemn the captivity of Ukrainian journalists Roman Cheremskiy and Sergey Sakadinskiy for more than 120 days on the territory of Luhansk region that is not controlled by official Ukrainian authorities.

Representatives of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, the Independent Media Trade Union of Ukraine and the Russian Union of Journalists once again call on the authorities and armed groups to abandon the practice of detention of journalists and to take necessary measures to release those held in captivity.
