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CONNECTION WITH THE AGENDA ITEM OF THE 1071st MEETING
OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON THE SITUATION IN
UKRAINE AND THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT THE
MINSK AGREEMENTS**

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**On violations of the Minsk Package of Measures by the
armed forces of Ukraine**

It is incorrect to state that only the militia are violating the Minsk Package of Measures, as can be seen in the reports by the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM).

On 10 October, monitors witnessed the consequences of the indiscriminate shelling by Ukrainian armed forces of densely populated residential areas of Donetsk and its suburbs. In Vesele on the outskirts of the city a shell hit the north-west wall of a nine-storey building causing it to be seriously damaged and fire to break out on all floors. Monitors saw another shell hit the new terminal at Donetsk airport. On Stratonavtov Street in Donetsk, the SMM saw a mortar shell crater and human remains. The following day, monitors received information at the municipal hospital of one fatality and wounded supporters of the Donetsk People's Republic as a result of this bombardment. Representatives of the militia requested a special teleconference meeting of the Contact Group to discuss what had happened.

Ukraine is not only violating the ceasefire regime but also making selective use of the provisions of the Minsk Package of Measures regarding the withdrawal of military equipment. Every week, SMM monitors note the absence from the depots of large quantities of heavy weapons belonging to the Ukrainian armed forces. Between 7 and 14 October, for example, the OSCE Mission was missing 114 pieces of Ukrainian equipment, including multiple-launch rocket systems. By comparison, 20 had been "lost" by the militia. It is anyone's guess where the disappeared Ukrainian arms went. A similar picture had been noted in the weeks before. In spite of repeated requests by the head of the SMM, the Ukrainian forces have still not given the monitors an updated list of depots and inventory numbers of the large-calibre gun mounts held there.

The absence of close monitoring by the SMM of the Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv regions near the border with Donbas makes it impossible to assess the possibility of a build-up of units of the Ukrainian armed forces in the conflict zone.