As of 8 March 2021

MISSION MEMBERS as of 8 March 2021

TOTAL 1,329

National staff **

Other international staff *

International Monitors

731

457

141

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

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

Albania 7  Kyrgyzstan 28
Armenia 2  Latvia 4
Austria 8  Lithuania 1
Azerbaijan 1  Moldova 40
Belarus 5  Mongolia 1
Belgium 3  Montenegro 4
Bosnia and Herzegovina 54  Netherlands 3
Bulgaria 46  North Macedonia 24
Canada 29  Norway 7
Croatia 11  Poland 33
Czech Republic 11  Romania 35
Denmark 3  Russian Federation 39
Estonia 3  Serbia 17
Finland 19  Slovakia 14
France 11  Slovenia 1
Georgia 23  Spain 10
Germany 28  Sweden 12
Greece 21  Switzerland 3
Hungary 18  Tajikistan 13
Ireland 8  Turkey 10
Italy 14  United Kingdom 41
Kazakhstan 4  United States 62

TOTAL 731

Male 591  Female 140

FACTS MATTER

Between 22 February and 7 March, the SMM noted a 54% reduction in the number of ceasefire violations, recording 944, compared with 2,048 in the previous two-week period.

On 7 March, an SMM long-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) crashed near Romanivka, Donetsk region. The aircraft had experienced dual GPS technical failure about an hour before crashing (see Spot Report 2/2021).

The SMM continued to monitor the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske, observing people in the latter two areas during daytime. Inside the area near Petrivske, it observed previously seen mines and recorded two ceasefire violations.

During the two-week reporting period, the SMM corroborated no civilian casualties; it has recorded only one injury that occurred since the beginning of 2021 (on 3 January).

The Mission continued to facilitate and monitor adherence to localized ceasefires to enable repairs to and maintenance and operation of critical civilian infrastructure on both sides of the contact line, including repairs to power lines near Shchastia, Stepanivka and Almazna, altogether providing electricity for several hundred thousand civilians.

The SMM continued to observe civilians facing challenges when crossing, or attempting to cross, the contact line. It again noted that the only crossing points civilians were able to use were near Stanytsia Luhanska (operational daily) and Novotroitske/Olenivka (twice a week as the armed formations’ checkpoint there is only operational on Mondays and Fridays).

The Mission’s freedom of movement on the ground was restricted nine times, all in non-government-controlled areas. SMM UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on 35 occasions while flying on both sides of the contact line.

The SMM's daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.

Who we are

- Unarmed civilian monitors;
- Around 730 monitors across Ukraine;
- Around 550 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.