As of 20 July 2017

Report

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MISSIO N MEMBERS as of 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

MISSION MONITORS

Albania 6 Kyrgyzstan 23
Armenia 1 Latvia 8
Austria 9 Lithuania 1
Azerbaijan 1 Moldova 38
Belarus 7 Montenegro 3
Belgium 1 Netherlands 2
Bosnia and Herzegovina 48 North Macedonia 27
Bulgaria 42 Norway 9
Canada 26 Poland 33
Croatia 9 Portugal 2
Czech Republic 13 Romania 29
Denmark 9 Russian Federation 35
Estonia 2 Serbia 11
Finland 24 Slovakia 10
France 13 Spain 11
Georgia 20 Sweden 24
Germany 34 Switzerland 7
Greece 19 Tajikistan 12
Hungary 20 Turkey 10
Ireland 9 United Kingdom 52
Italy 20 United States 52
Kazakhstan 4

TOTAL 736

Male 591 Female 145

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International Monitors 736
National staff ** 439
Other international staff * 124

* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, two Deputy Chief Monitors, advisors, analysts, etc.
** National staff includes assistants, advisors and administrative personnel.

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Who we are

• Unarmed civilian monitors;
• Around 750 monitors across Ukraine;
• Around 600 based in the east;
• From 43 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;
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