Facts Matter

- Between 24 February and 8 March, the SMM recorded about 9,200 ceasefire violations, including 800 explosions. This compares with about 13,100 and 1,200, respectively, in the previous two-week period.
- The Mission continued monitoring the security situation in and around the three disengagement areas. The SMM observed a calm situation inside the disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska. It recorded ceasefire violations inside the disengagement area near Petrivske and saw mines and unexploded ordnance inside the disengagement area near Zolote.
- The SMM recorded 82 weapons in violation of their respective withdrawal lines, compared with 49 in the previous two-week period: eight in government-controlled areas and 74 in non-government-controlled areas.
- The Mission confirmed reports of seven civilian casualties, including one fatality, bringing the total number recorded since the beginning of the year to 21: two killed and 19 injured.
- SMM unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) spotted almost 2,500 anti-tank mines on both sides of the contact line, three-fourths of which had previously been seen.
- The Mission’s freedom of movement was restricted 47 times, all but one in non-government-controlled areas.
- Since 27 February, the Mission has been observing preventive measures related to the COVID-19 outbreak taken at entry-exit checkpoints (EECP). At all EECPs, the SMM observed officers of the Border Guard Service of Ukraine wearing protective masks and gloves, and measuring the temperature of civilians entering government-controlled areas.
- The SMM observed a large number of law enforcement officers maintaining security at a march in Kyiv to mark International Women’s Day. About 3,500 participants expressed support for women’s rights in Ukraine. Similar marches were observed in Kharkiv, Lviv, Kherson and Mariupol.
- The SMM’s daily reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian and Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports.