

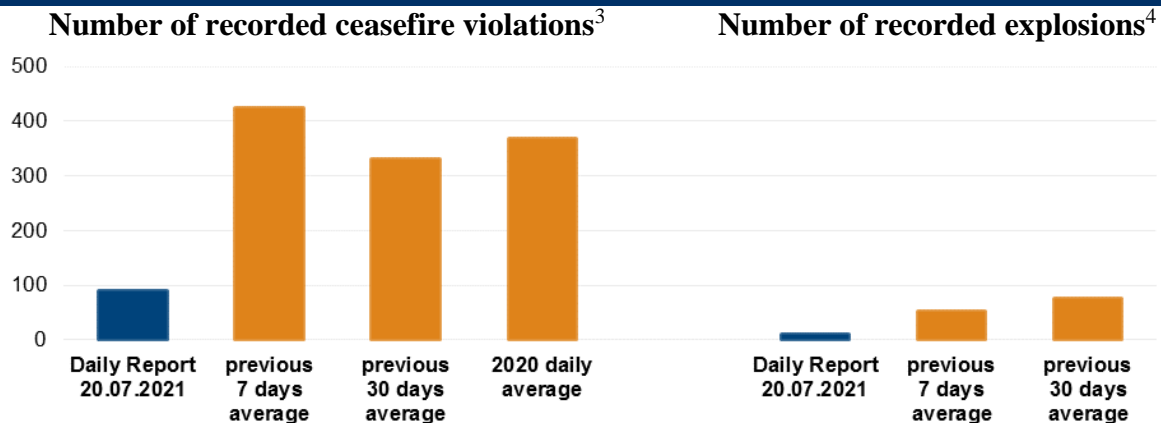
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Summary

- In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 86 ceasefire violations, including eight explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 275 ceasefire violations in the region.
- In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded four ceasefire violations, including two explosions. In the previous 24 hours, it recorded 11 ceasefire violations in the region.
- The SMM saw recent damage to two apartments, of which one inhabited, in non-government-controlled Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region.
- The Mission continued monitoring the disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske.
- The SMM facilitated and monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to enable the operation of critical civilian infrastructure.
- The Mission continued following up on the situation of civilians, including at four entry-exit checkpoints and four corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions.
- The SMM's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations in Donetsk region.*

Ceasefire violations²



¹ Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 19 July 2021. All times are in Eastern European Summer Time.

² For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. Weather conditions limited observational capabilities of some of the SMM cameras.

³ Including explosions.

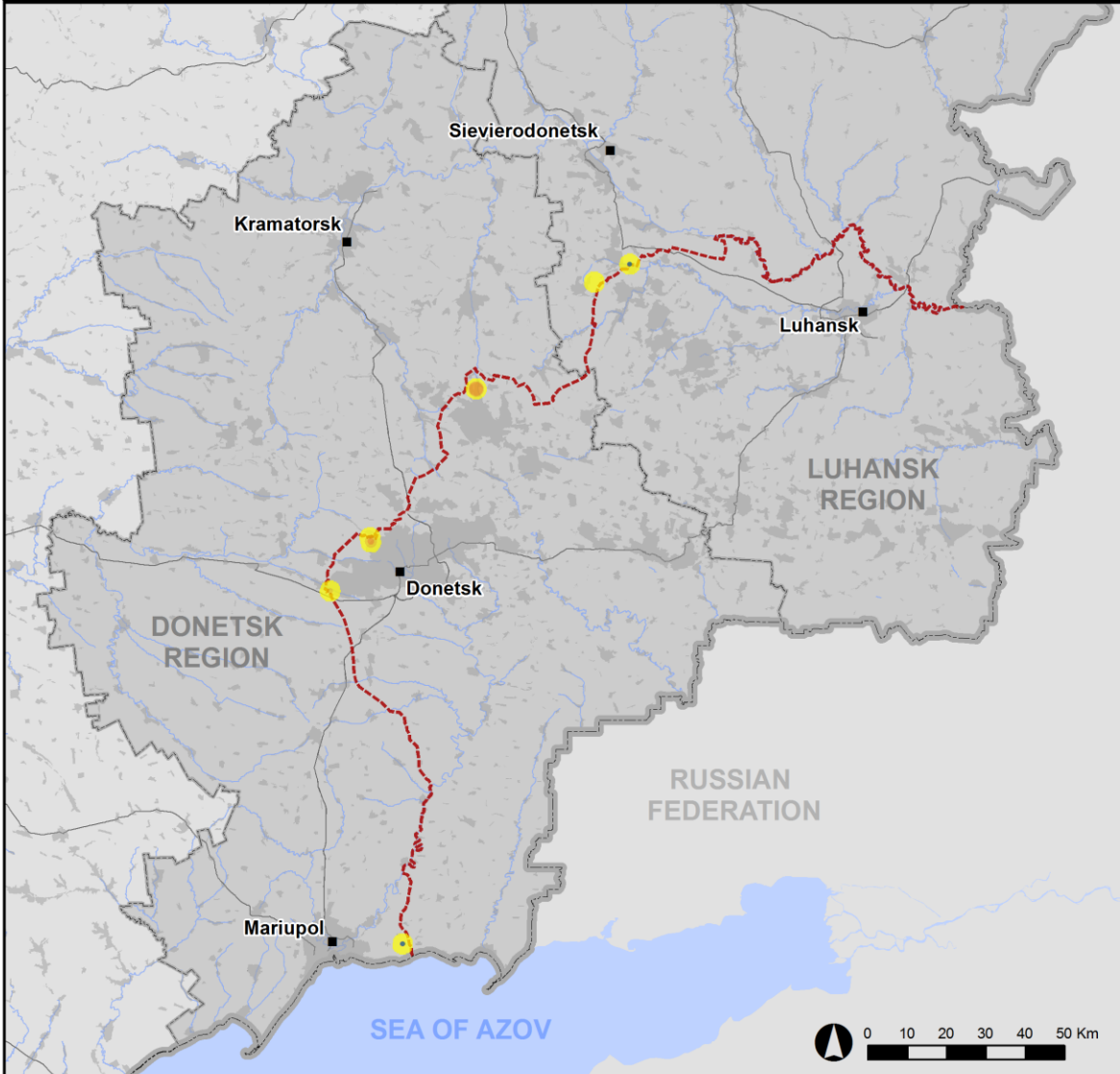
⁴ Including from unidentified weapons.

Map of recorded ceasefire violations

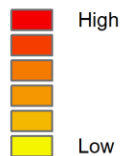


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Ceasefire violations observed by the SMM 19 July 2021



Ceasefire violation concentration



- Explosion
- Settlement
- Estimated line of contact

Sources: Administrative Boundaries - OCHA; Roads, Rivers - OpenStreetMap; Sea - VLIZ (2005). IHO Sea Areas; Other - OSCE.

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 37N

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In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded 86 ceasefire violations, including eight explosions (one airburst and seven undetermined). The majority of ceasefire violations occurred in an area east of Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km north-east of Donetsk). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 275 ceasefire violations, of which the majority also occurred in an area east of Maiorsk.

In Luhansk region, the SMM recorded four ceasefire violations, including two undetermined explosions, all in areas near the disengagement area near Zolote (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk) (see below). In the [previous 24 hours](#), the Mission recorded 11 ceasefire violations.

Following agreement reached at the meeting of the Trilateral Contact Group on 22 July 2020 regarding additional measures to strengthen the ceasefire, from 00:01 on 27 July 2020 until the end of the reporting period, the SMM has recorded at least 45,872 ceasefire violations in both Donetsk and Luhansk regions (including 13,441 explosions, 8,643 projectiles in flight, 262 muzzle flashes, 161 illumination flares and at least 23,365 bursts and shots).

Recent damage to two apartments in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka, Luhansk region

The SMM followed up on reports of damage to two apartments in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk).

At 3 Myru Street, at an uninhabited apartment on the fourth floor of a four-storey building, the Mission saw a hole (20cm in diameter) in the middle of the outer pane of a double-glazed window in the building's north-north-east-facing wall. It also observed glass shards between the window's outer and the inner panes, and on the floor below the window inside the apartment and on a balcony outside the apartment. The SMM assessed the damage as recent, but was unable to assess the type of weapon used or the direction of fire.

At the same address and building, at an inhabited apartment on the second floor, the SMM saw two holes in a north-west facing window. The SMM assessed the damage as recent and caused by small-arms fire.

A woman (in her fifties), who introduced herself as a caretaker of the first apartment, told the Mission that the damage had occurred between her visits to the apartment on 15 and 18 July. Also, a resident of the building told the SMM that damage to the second apartment had occurred on the evening of 16 July.

(For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 19 July 2021](#).)

Disengagement areas near Stanytsia Luhanska, Zolote and Petrivske⁵

While positioned inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the Mission saw three members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) south of the repaired span of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.

⁵ Disengagement is foreseen in the Framework Decision of the Trilateral Contact Group relating to disengagement of forces and hardware of 21 September 2016.

On the evening of 18 July, the SMM camera in Zolote recorded two undetermined explosions and a projectile in flight at an assessed range of 3-5km east. On the night of 18-19 July, the SMM camera in Popasna (government-controlled, 69km west of Luhansk) recorded an illumination flare at an assessed range of 3-5km east-south-east. All these ceasefire violations were assessed as outside the **disengagement area near Zolote** but within 5km of its periphery.

On 19 July, while positioned near the checkpoint of the armed formations south of the disengagement area, the Mission saw five members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with “JCCC” written on them). The SMM again saw the seven previously observed containers located south of the disengagement area’s southern edge and inside the area.

While positioned at three locations near the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the Mission observed a calm situation.

Withdrawal of weapons

The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weapons in implementation of the Memorandum and the Package of Measures and its Addendum.

Indication of military and military-type presence in the security zone

The SMM saw 11 armoured combat vehicles in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including near residential areas. (For further information, see the table below.)

Presence of anti-tank mines in Donetsk region

On 16 July, at the destroyed Donetsk international airport (8km north-west of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted a total of 130 anti-tank mines laid across two former taxiways, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report of 10 April 2021](#).)

On the same day, about 100m north of residential houses on the northern edge of Kruta Balka (non-government-controlled, 16km north of Donetsk), an SMM mini-UAV again spotted eight anti-tank mines laid across road, assessed as belonging to the armed formations. (For previous observations in the area, see [SMM Daily Report 31 March 2021](#).)

SMM facilitation of the operation of critical civilian infrastructure

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk).

Situation at entry-exit checkpoints and corresponding checkpoints

In Donetsk region, the Mission observed that the entry-exit checkpoint (EECP) near Novotroitske (government-controlled, 36km south-west of Donetsk) and the corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations near Olenivka (non-government-controlled, 23km south-west of Donetsk) were open, with traffic passing through in both directions.

In Luhansk region, the Mission observed that the EECP near Stanytsia Luhanska and the

corresponding checkpoint of the armed formations south of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were open, with people queueing to travel in both directions.

The SMM also noted that the EECs near Zolote and Shchastia (government-controlled, 20km north of Luhansk) were open, but that the corresponding checkpoints of the armed formations south of the disengagement area near Zolote and 3km south-east of the bridge in Shchastia were closed.

The SMM continued monitoring in Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi and Kyiv.

***Restrictions of the SMM's freedom of movement or other impediments to fulfilment of its mandate**

The SMM's monitoring and freedom of movement are restricted by security hazards and threats, including risks posed by mines, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and other impediments – which vary from day to day. The SMM's mandate provides for safe and secure access throughout Ukraine. All signatories of the Minsk agreements have agreed on the need for this safe and secure access, that restriction of the SMM's freedom of movement constitutes a violation, and on the need for rapid response to these violations. They have also agreed that the Joint Centre for Control and Coordination (JCCC) should contribute to such response and co-ordinate mine clearance. Nonetheless, the armed formations in parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions frequently deny the SMM access to areas adjacent to Ukraine's border outside control of the government (for example, see [SMM Daily Report of 19 July 2021](#)). The SMM's operations in Donetsk and Luhansk regions remain restricted following [the fatal incident of 23 April 2017 near Pryshyb](#); these restrictions continued to limit the Mission's observations.

Regular restrictions related to disengagement areas and mines/UXO:

- The sides continued to deny the SMM full access, as well as the ability to travel certain roads previously identified as important for effective monitoring by the Mission and for civilians' movement, through failure to conduct comprehensive clearance of mines, UXO and other obstacles.

Delay:

- At a checkpoint of the armed formations near Dubrivka (non-government-controlled, 7km south-west of Donetsk), an armed member of the armed formations only allowed the SMM passage towards non-government-controlled Donetsk city after 45 minutes of waiting.

Other impediments:⁶

- An SMM mini-UAV experienced GPS signal interference, assessed as caused by probable jamming, during three flights over areas near Donetsk city's Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km south-west of Donetsk) and two flights over areas near Lozove (non-government-controlled, 13km west of Donetsk).

⁶ For cases of probable jamming and jamming mentioned in this section, the interferences could have originated from anywhere within the radius of tens of kilometres from the UAVs' positions.

Table of military and military-type presence in the security zone⁷

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
Government-controlled areas				
15/7/2021	3	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM-2)	Near Vozdvizhenka (formerly Krasnyi Pakhar, 66km north-east of Donetsk)	Mini-UAV
19/7/2021	3	Infantry fighting vehicle (one BMP-2 and two type undetermined)	Near a residential area of Krasnohorivka (24km north of Donetsk)	Patrol
	1	Armoured recovery vehicle (BREM-variant)		
	1	Armoured personnel carrier (BTR-70)	Near Dalnie (40km west of Donetsk)	
	3	Armoured personnel carrier (MT-LB)	In a residential area of Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	

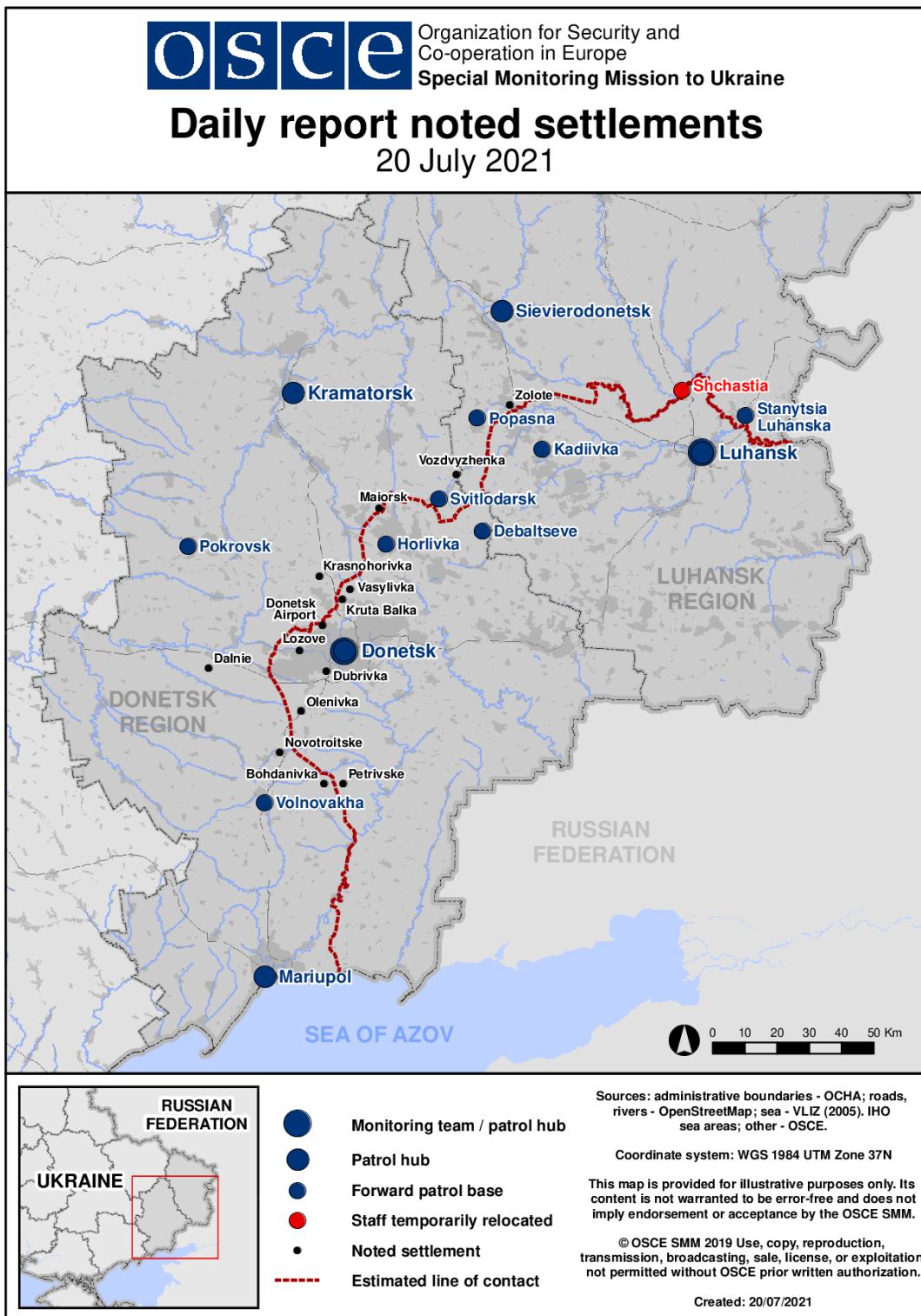
⁷ The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

Table of ceasefire violations as of 19 July 2021⁸

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera at EECF in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	14	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Jul, 21:44
	3-5km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	19-Jul, 00:55
	3-5km E	Recorded	36	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	19-Jul, 00:56
SMM camera at Oktiabr mine (non-government-controlled, 9km NW of Donetsk city centre)	2-4km W	Recorded	4	Projectile	In vertical flight	N/K	18-Jul, 21:42
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	19-Jul, 00:13
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	19-Jul, 00:16
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N	N/K	19-Jul, 00:19
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	19-Jul, 00:22
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	19-Jul, 00:23
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	19-Jul, 00:35
	2-4km WSW	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	19-Jul, 02:06
SMM camera 1km SW of Shyrokyne (government-controlled, 100km S of Donetsk)	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jul, 21:12
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jul, 21:19
	3-5km N	Recorded	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jul, 21:26
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jul, 21:27
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	18-Jul, 23:07
	3-5km N	Recorded	1	Explosion	Airburst	N/K	18-Jul, 23:07
Trudivski area of Donetsk city's Petrovskiyi district (non-government-controlled, 15km SW of Donetsk city centre)	1.5-3km SSW	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	19-Jul, 12:05-12:06
	1.5-3km SSW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	19-Jul, 12:05-12:06
SMM camera on N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 69km W of Luhansk)	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	Assessed as outside the disengagement area near Zolote	N/K	19-Jul, 00:43
SMM camera in Zolote (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jul, 22:18
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Explosion	Undetermined (assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jul, 22:19
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash	Assessed as outside the disengagement area	N/K	18-Jul, 23:09
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE (subsequent to previous event, assessed as outside the disengagement area)	N/K	18-Jul, 23:09

⁸ The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by SMM patrols or recorded by the SMM cameras, and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground and technical monitoring officers, and are not always necessarily precise. When information is not known (indicated with an “N/K”), the SMM was unable to ascertain such information due to distance, weather conditions technical limitations and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol/camera and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions⁹



⁹ The SMM is deployed to ten locations throughout Ukraine – Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Luhansk and Kyiv – as per Permanent Council Decision 1117 of 21 March 2014. This map of eastern Ukraine is meant for illustrative purposes and indicates locations mentioned in the report, as well as those where the SMM has offices (monitoring teams, patrol hubs and forward patrol bases) in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. (In red: a forward patrol base from which SMM staff have temporarily relocated based on recommendations of security experts from participating States, as well as SMM security considerations. The SMM uses the premises during daylight hours and also patrols in this settlement during daylight hours).