



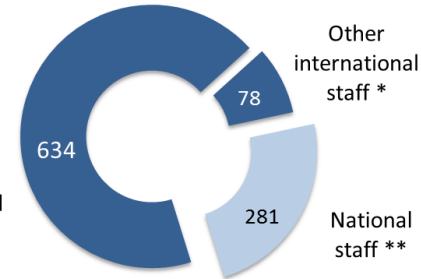
OSCE SMM monitors monitoring weapons withdrawal, November 2015. (OSCE/Cliff Volpe)

LATEST NEWS

- The SMM has noted a spike in ceasefire violations in Donetsk region, particularly in the wider areas around Donetsk airport, while the security situation in Luhansk region has remained relatively calm.
- The SMM observed three cases of shelling by a Grad rocket (122mm BM-21), including in government-controlled Krasnohorivka and "DPR" - controlled Staromykhailivka and Kuibyshevskiy district of Donetsk city. It marks the first time since 28 August that the Mission assessed the use of Grad weapon system.
- In his statement on 13 November the Chief Monitor of the OSCE SMM, Ertugrul Apakan, deplored the recent increase in both gravity and number of ceasefire violations in eastern Ukraine, and urged the sides to honour their commitments under the Minsk agreements.
- The SMM continued to monitor the withdrawal of weaponry under the Addendum to the Package of measures. The SMM received written notifications of the completion of withdrawal of mortars.
- As of 9 November, the SMM has implemented stricter standards for the monitoring and verification of heavy weapons, asking for inventory lists and locations of permanent storage sites compliant with specific criteria.
- On 13 November the SMM facilitated start of demining works on the road near Shyrokyne by coordinating efforts between the Ukrainian Armed Forces, "DPR" members, and Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination (JCCC).
- On 13 November Apakan participated in the OSCE Security Days conference in Vienna "In Pursuit of Peace and Security, How Gender Makes a Difference", focusing on the implementation on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/reports>.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 18.11.2015

TOTAL
993



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

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	13
Armenia	2	Latvia	7
Austria	16	Lithuania	4
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	19
Belarus	3	Mongolia	1
Belgium	2	Montenegro	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	24	Netherlands	12
Bulgaria	22	Norway	11
Canada	15	Poland	29
Croatia	12	Portugal	4
Czech Republic	18	Romania	32
Denmark	15	Russian Federation	36
Estonia	7	Serbia	8
Finland	26	Slovakia	7
France	9	Slovenia	1
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16	Spain	11
Georgia	4	Sweden	23
Germany	23	Switzerland	12
Greece	18	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	27	Turkey	14
Ireland	14	United Kingdom	26
Italy	26	United States	56
Kazakhstan	4	TOTAL	634
Male	530	Female	104

Addendum to the Package of Measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements

What has been signed?

The Addendum to the Package of measures of 12 February 2015 is a plan for withdrawal to a distance of 15km each side for tanks, artillery pieces up to 100mm in calibre, and mortars up to and including 120mm in calibre, creating a 30km security zone.

The SMM role:

- The Mission plays a supporting role through monitoring and verification.
- Within its mandate the SMM monitors and verifies both the process of withdrawal into storage sites and continued compliance with all provisions of the Addendum.
- The signatories of the Addendum remain in control of the process of implementation.
- The objective and impartial reporting of the SMM – to all 57 OSCE participating States – helps ensure that the signatories, too, are aware of progress. This reporting can help them identify any issues at an early stage.