

**Chairmanship: Switzerland**

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE  
DEPLOYMENT OF AN OSCE SPECIAL MONITORING MISSION  
TO UKRAINE**

The Permanent Council,

Committed to upholding the principles as enshrined in the United Nations Charter and in the Helsinki Final Act,

Decides:

1. To deploy a special OSCE monitoring mission of international observers to Ukraine;
2. That the aim of the said mission will be to contribute, throughout the country and in co-operation with the concerned OSCE executive structures and relevant actors of the international community (such as the United Nations and the Council of Europe), to reducing tensions and fostering peace, stability and security; and to monitoring and supporting the implementation of all OSCE principles and commitments;
3. To task the Special Monitoring Mission, operating under the principles of impartiality and transparency, to:
  - Gather information and report on the security situation in the area of operation;
  - Establish and report facts in response to specific incidents and reports of incidents, including those concerning alleged violations of fundamental OSCE principles and commitments;
  - Monitor and support respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities;
  - In order to fulfil its tasks, to establish contact with local, regional and national authorities, civil society, ethnic and religious groups, and members of the local population;
  - Facilitate the dialogue on the ground in order to reduce tensions and promote normalization of the situation;

- Report on any restrictions of the monitoring mission’s freedom of movement or other impediments to fulfilment of its mandate;
  - Co-ordinate with and support the work of the OSCE executive structures, including the High Commissioner on National Minorities, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, in full respect of their mandates, as well as co-operate with the United Nations, the Council of Europe and other actors of the international community;
4. The Special Monitoring Mission will be headed by a Chief Monitor appointed by the Chairperson-in-Office in accordance with the provisions of the OSCE Staff Rules and Regulations for appointment of the Head of Mission;
  5. The Special Monitoring Mission will be deployed for a period of six months. The mandate of the mission can be renewed for further six month periods by decision of the Permanent Council if requested by Ukraine;
  6. The Special Monitoring Mission will consist initially of 100 civilian monitors operating as necessary 24/7 in teams. The Chief Monitor will notify the Chairmanship, the Permanent Council, and the host country of the concrete modalities, based on the needs on the ground. As necessary and according to the situation, the mission may expand by a total of up to 400 additional monitors. Monitors will initially be deployed to Kherson, Odessa, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnepropetrovsk, Chernivtsi, Luhansk. The head office will be in Kyiv. Any change in deployment shall be subject to a decision of the Permanent Council;
  7. The Special Monitoring Mission members will have safe and secure access throughout Ukraine to fulfil their mandate;
  8. The Chief Monitor will regularly report through the Chairmanship to the Permanent Council on the implementation of this decision;
  9. To approve the arrangements as well as the financial and human resources for the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine as contained in document PC.ACMF/10/14. In this respect, authorizes the release of EUR 0.9 million from the Contingency Fund and to allocate the remaining amount from the 2011 and provisional 2013 cash surplus, with the remaining balance being financed through voluntary contributions;
  10. To task the Secretary General to deploy advance teams within 24 hours of the adoption of this decision.