

# Daily Report 289/2019

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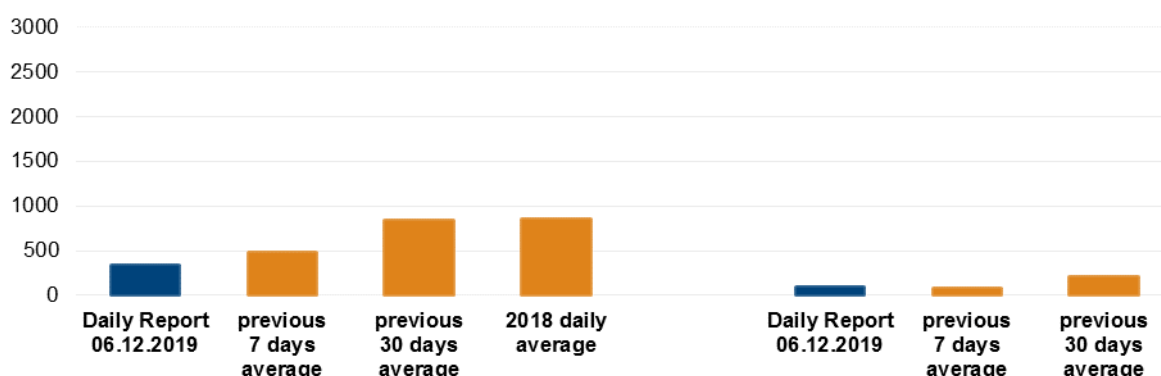
## Summary

- Compared with the previous reporting period, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations in Donetsk region and the same number in Luhansk region.
- The SMM observed a team from the State Emergency Service of Ukraine placing concrete obstacles on a road west-north-west of the Petrivske disengagement area.
- The SMM observed the removal of a container and concrete blocks from the checkpoint of the armed formations on the southern edge of the Zolote disengagement area.
- Workers from non-government-controlled areas were installing new railings on the side of the metal section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge.
- The SMM monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate repairs to a water pipeline near Zaitseve and electrical works near Holmivskyi.
- The unloading of boxes from a convoy of vehicles with Russian Federation licence plates was observed by the SMM at a compound in Donetsk city.
- The Mission's freedom of movement continued to be restricted, including at a checkpoint of the armed formations near Verkhnoшыrokivske, in Donetsk region.\*

## Ceasefire violations<sup>2</sup>

### Number of recorded ceasefire violations<sup>3</sup>

### Number of recorded explosions<sup>4</sup>



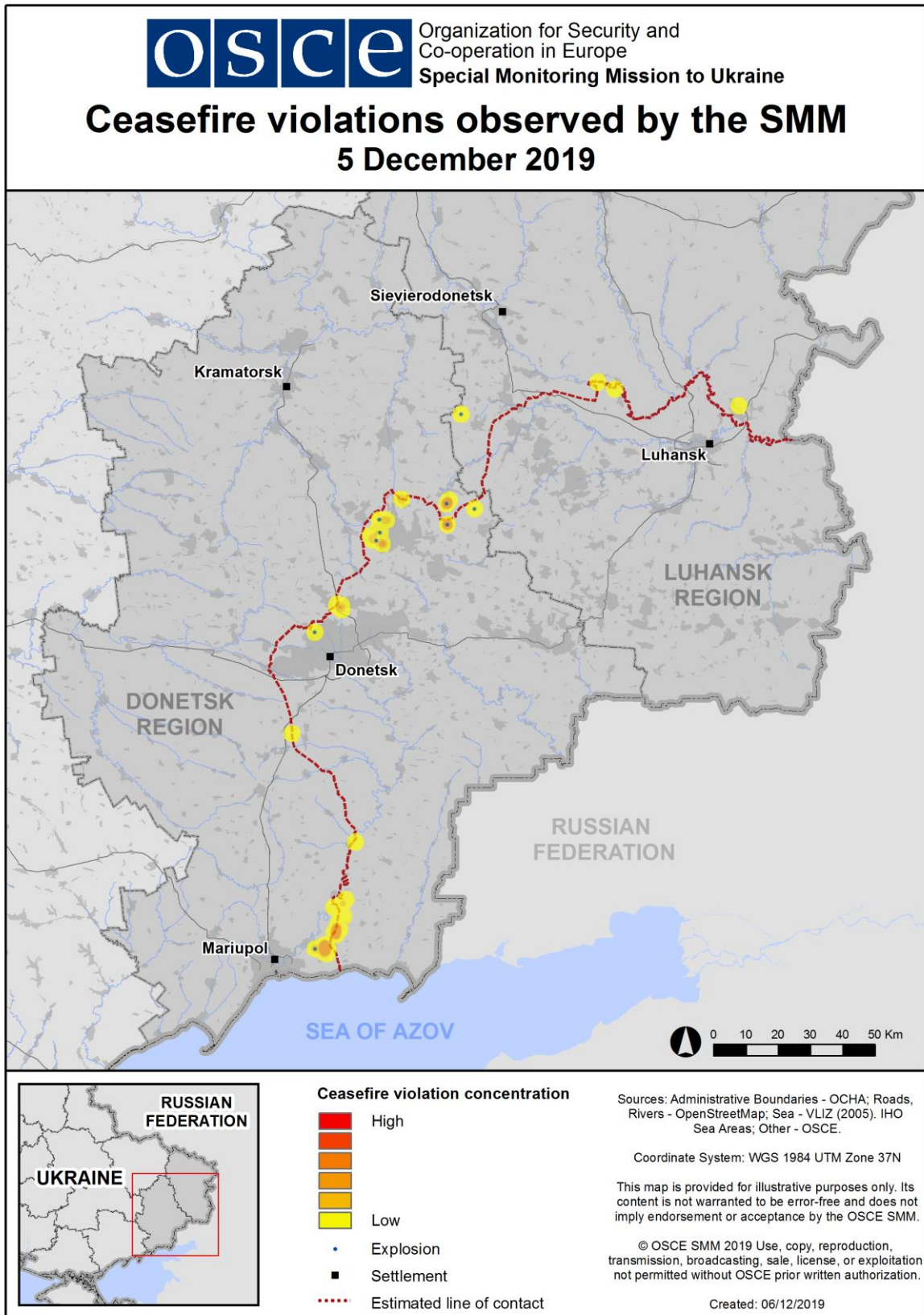
<sup>1</sup> Based on information from the Monitoring Teams as of 19:30, 5 December 2019. All times are in Eastern European Time.

<sup>2</sup> For a complete breakdown of ceasefire violations, please see the annexed table. During the reporting period, the SMM cameras 1km south-west of Shyrokyne and on the northern edge of Popasna were not operational.

<sup>3</sup> Including explosions.

<sup>4</sup> Including from unidentified weapons.

### Map of recorded ceasefire violations



In Donetsk region, the SMM recorded fewer ceasefire violations, including fewer explosions (about 90), compared with [the previous reporting period](#) (about 120 explosions). Over half of the ceasefire violations, including the majority of the explosions, were recorded at easterly directions of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 93km south of Donetsk), south-easterly directions of Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km north-east of Donetsk) and of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km south of Donetsk) and westerly directions of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km north-east of Donetsk).

In Luhansk region, the Mission recorded four ceasefire violations, including one explosion, as in [the previous reporting period](#).

### Disengagement areas near Petrivske, Zolote and Stanytsia Luhanska<sup>5</sup>

Positioned west of the **disengagement area near Petrivske** (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk), the SMM saw 14 members of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine with four vehicles and an excavator placing concrete obstacles on a road between Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk) and Viktorivka (non-government-controlled, 42km south-west of Donetsk), about 350m west-north-west of the disengagement area's western edge.

At the checkpoint of the armed formations on the southern edge of the **disengagement area near Zolote** (government-controlled, 60km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw workers load concrete blocks and a container onto a truck and drive south out of the disengagement area. The SMM also saw seven workers from non-government-controlled areas enter the disengagement area at its southern edge, reportedly to conduct vegetation clearance. Throughout the day, on the southern edge of the disengagement area, the SMM saw six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" [Joint Centre for Control and Co-ordination] written on them).

Inside the **disengagement area near Stanytsia Luhanska** (government-controlled, 16km north-east of Luhansk), the SMM saw workers with trucks and a crane remove concrete blocks from the area of a [previously dismantled](#) fortification just south of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge and place at least 16 of the blocks on the eastern side of the road just south of a shelter of a humanitarian organization near the checkpoint of the armed formations. The SMM also saw four workers from non-government-controlled areas installing railings on the eastern side of the metal section of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge. Throughout the day, the SMM saw at least six members of the armed formations (wearing armbands with "JCCC" written on them) between the checkpoint of the armed formations and the bridge.

### Indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>6</sup>

The SMM observed infantry fighting vehicles and an armoured reconnaissance vehicle in government-controlled areas of Luhansk region (for further details, see the table below).

About 2km north-east of Chernenko (government-controlled, 86km south of Donetsk), the SMM saw two Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel launch a mid-range unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) from a roadway about 1km east and land it at the same location about 30 minutes later.

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

<sup>6</sup> The hardware mentioned in this section is not proscribed by the provisions of the Minsk agreements on the withdrawal of weapons.

### **Mine hazard signs near non-government-controlled Stepanivka and Amvrosiivka**

About 2km north-east of Stepanivka (non-government-controlled, 62km west of Luhansk), the SMM saw for the first time two red metal mine hazard signs with “Stop, Mines” written on them in Russian in a field, one about 20m south-east and one about 70m north-west of a road leading to Veselohorivka (non-government-controlled, 64km west of Luhansk). Near Amvrosiivka (non-government-controlled, 56km south-east of Donetsk), the SMM saw a red metal mine hazard sign with “Danger, Mines” written on it in Russian in a field about 50m east of a main road.

### **Distribution of coal by a humanitarian organization in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka**

The SMM saw 15 workers and three trucks from an international humanitarian organization distribute coal to residents in Zolote-5/Mykhailivka (non-government-controlled, 58km north-west of Luhansk). Twelve residents (men and women in their sixties and seventies) told the SMM that each registered household was expected to receive 2.5 tonnes of coal, although they noted that they expected to use five tonnes of coal per household during the winter.

### **SMM facilitation of repairs and operation of critical civilian infrastructure**

The SMM monitored adherence to localized ceasefires to facilitate repair works to a water pipeline near Zaitseve (50km north-east of Donetsk) and electrical works near Holmivskyi (non-government-controlled, 49km north-east of Donetsk).

The Mission continued to facilitate the operation of the Donetsk Filtration Station (15km north of Donetsk) and monitored the security situation in areas around the pumping station near Vasylivka (non-government-controlled, 20km north of Donetsk).

### **Convoy of vehicles with Russian Federation licence plates in Donetsk city and border areas not under government control**

The SMM saw 14 covered cargo trucks with Russian Federation licence plates (one with “Humanitarian Aid from the Russian Federation” written in Russian on it) enter a compound in Donetsk city (non-government-controlled) escorted by three cars with “DPR” plates. Shortly thereafter, the SMM saw two trucks leave the compound (in a southerly and northerly direction respectively) and boxes being unloaded from the other trucks in the compound. The SMM later saw a convoy of 14 covered cargo trucks (one with “Humanitarian Aid from the Russian Federation” written in Russian on it) exit Ukraine through the border crossing point near Uspenka (non-government-controlled, 73km south-east of Donetsk).

While at the same border crossing point near Uspenka for 40 minutes, the SMM saw 33 cars (ten with Ukrainian, five with Russian Federation and two with Lithuanian licence plates, as well as 16 with “DPR” plates), 16 covered cargo trucks (eight with Ukrainian, two with Russian Federation and one with Belarusian licence plates, as well as five with “DPR” plates), four buses with “DPR” plates, and 11 pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) entering Ukraine. It also saw 17 cars (two with Ukrainian, five with Russian Federation and three with Lithuanian licence plates, as well as seven with “DPR” plates) and three buses with “DPR” plates exiting Ukraine.

While at a border crossing point near Izvaryne (52km south-east of Luhansk) for 30 minutes, the SMM saw ten pedestrians (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

While at a pedestrian border crossing point near Verkhnoharasymivka (57km south-east of Luhansk) for 30 minutes, the SMM saw two men (25-35 years old) entering Ukraine and eight people (mixed ages and genders) exiting Ukraine.

The Mission 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 Package of Measures 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 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 November 2019](#)). 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.*

#### Denial of access:

- At a checkpoint near Verkhnohshyrokivske (formerly Oktiabr, non-government-controlled, 85km south of Donetsk), a member of the armed formations [again](#) denied the SMM passage to non-government-controlled areas.

#### *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.

#### Other impediments:

- Two SMM mini-UAVs experienced signal interference assessed as caused by probable jamming on four occasions while flying over areas near Styla (non-government-controlled, 34km south of Donetsk), Petrivske (non-government-controlled, 41km south of Donetsk) and Bohdanivka (government-controlled, 41km south-west of Donetsk).<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> The interference could have originated from anywhere within the radius of kilometres from the UAVs' position.

**Table of indications of military and military-type presence in the security zone<sup>8</sup>**

Date	No.	Type	Location	Source of observation
<b>Government-controlled areas</b>				
05/12/2019	1	Infantry fighting vehicle (BMP-2)	In Popasna (69km west of Luhansk)	Patrol
	5	Infantry fighting vehicle (four BMP variants and a BMP-2)	In Zolote (60km west of Luhansk)	
	1	Armoured reconnaissance vehicle (BRDM variant)	In Trokhizbenka (32km north-west of Luhansk)	

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<sup>8</sup> 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 5 December 2019<sup>9</sup>**

SMM position	Event location	Means	No.	Observation	Description	Weapon	Date, time
SMM camera in Berezove (government-controlled, 31km SW of Donetsk)	2-4km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NE to SW	N/K	5-Dec, 04:09
SMM camera in Chermalyk (government-controlled, 77km S of Donetsk)	3-5km SSE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 18:55
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 22:45
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 22:48
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 22:50
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 22:53
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 23:34
	3-5km S	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 23:37
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Dec, 00:12
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Dec, 00:13
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Dec, 01:49
	SMM camera at Donetsk Filtration Station (15km N of Donetsk)	1-2km SSW	Recorded	1	Projectile	SE to NW	N/K
0.5-1.5km SSW		Recorded	2	Projectile	W to E	N/K	5-Dec, 00:17
SMM camera 1.5km NE of Hnutove (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	4-6km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Dec, 18:50
	4-6km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Dec, 19:12
	4-6km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 19:15
	4-6km SE	Recorded	3	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	4-Dec, 19:20
	4-6km SE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	4-Dec, 19:27
	4-6km SE	Recorded	12	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	4-Dec, 19:50
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	4-Dec, 20:34
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	W to E	N/K	4-Dec, 23:02
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	4-Dec, 23:38
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Dec, 00:07
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Dec, 00:11
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Dec, 00:11
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NW to SE	N/K	5-Dec, 00:23
	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Burst	In vertical flight, approximately 3 rounds	N/K	5-Dec, 01:16
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Dec, 01:28
	3-5km SE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Dec, 01:59
	3-5km SE	Recorded	4	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Dec, 04:28
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Dec, 17:37
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	11	Projectile	SSW to NNE	N/K	5-Dec, 17:39
3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Dec, 17:39	
3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNE to SSW	N/K	5-Dec, 17:54	
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Hnutove (government-controlled, 84km S of Donetsk)	3-5km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	4-Dec, 23:17
SMM camera in Hranitne (government-	1-3km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	4-Dec, 22:08

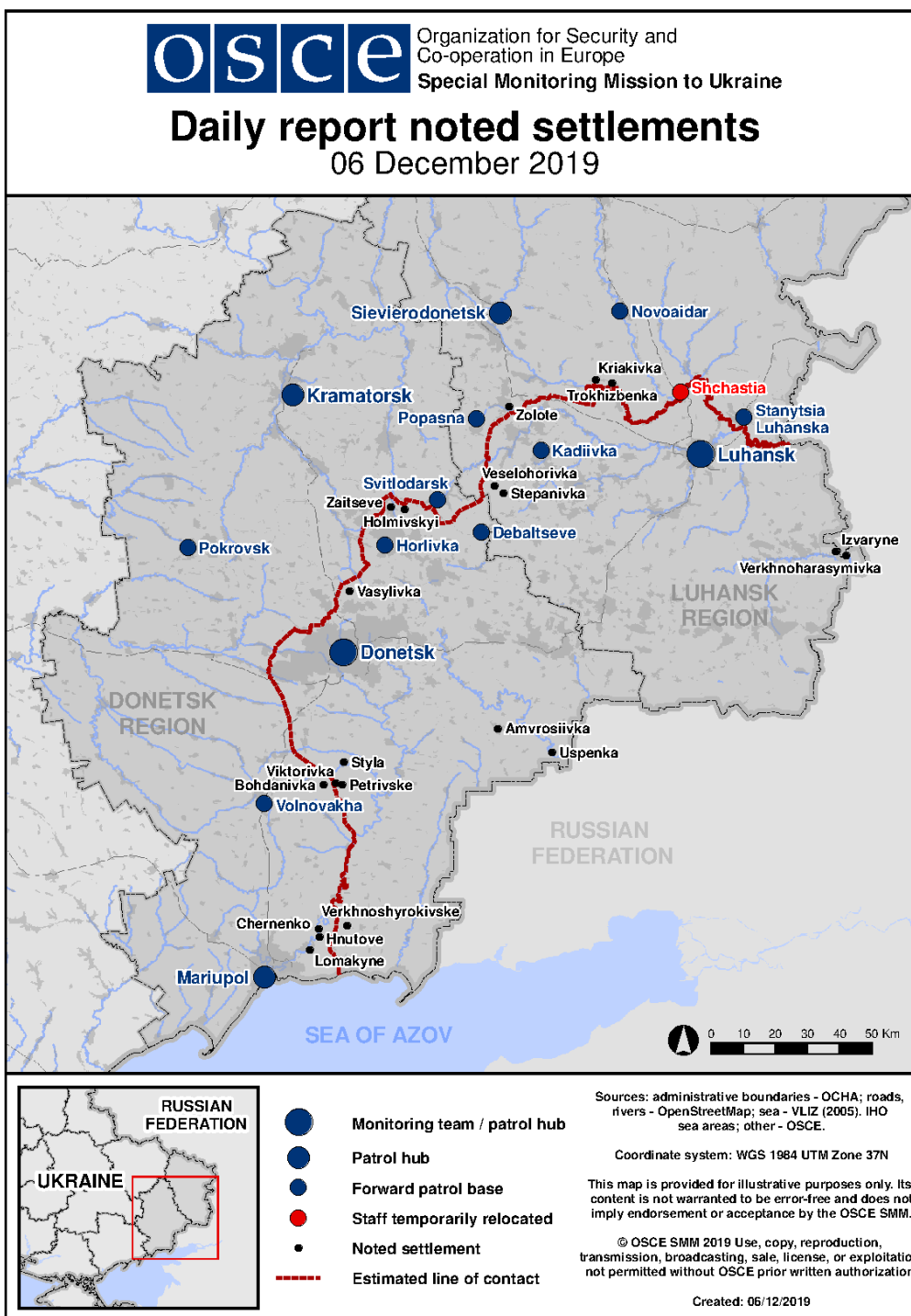
<sup>9</sup> The table only includes ceasefire violations directly observed by the SMM and it may include those also assessed to be live-fire exercises, controlled detonations, etc. Details provided – in terms of distance, direction, weapons-type, etc. – are based on assessments provided by monitors on the ground, and 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 and/or other considerations. Ceasefire violations recorded by more than one patrol and assessed to be the same are entered only once.

controlled, 60km S of Donetsk)							
SMM camera E of Lomakyne (government-controlled, 90km S of Donetsk)	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Dec, 21:03
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	4-Dec, 21:34
	2-4km E	Recorded	2	Projectile	S to N	N/K	4-Dec, 21:41
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	4-Dec, 21:50
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	5	Projectile	S to N	N/K	4-Dec, 21:50
	2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	4-Dec, 23:19
	3-5km E	Recorded	7	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 00:35
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	8	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 01:14
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 01:28
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	7	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 01:29
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Dec, 01:29
	2-4km ENE	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 01:30
	2-5km E	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Dec, 02:14
	2-5km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 02:14
	2-5km ENE	Recorded	2	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Dec, 02:41
	2-5km ENE	Recorded	4	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 02:41
	2-5km ENE	Recorded	1	Muzzle flash		N/K	5-Dec, 02:42
	2-5km ENE	Recorded	6	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 02:42
	2-4km E	Recorded	3	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 03:19
	2-4km ESE	Recorded	2	Projectile	SW to NE	N/K	5-Dec, 03:36
2-4km E	Recorded	1	Projectile	S to N	N/K	5-Dec, 04:41	
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Burst	In vertical flight, approximately 10 rounds	N/K	5-Dec, 05:08
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Burst	In vertical flight, approximately 10 rounds	N/K	5-Dec, 05:09
	3-5km ESE	Recorded	1	Projectile	N to S	N/K	5-Dec, 05:09
SMM camera at entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	1-2km ENE	Recorded	2	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	5-Dec, 05:59
	1-2km ENE	Recorded	4	Projectile	NNW to SSE	N/K	5-Dec, 06:00
Donetsk central railway station (non-government-controlled, 6km NW of Donetsk)	2-3km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 10:15
About 1km NW of the railway station in Yasynuvata (non-government-controlled, 16km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km SW	Heard	7	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 09:50
	2-3km SSW	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 09:53
	1-2km SW	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	5-Dec, 12:35
N edge of Vuhlehirsk (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km NNW	Heard	25	Explosion	Undetermined	Mortar (type N/K)	5-Dec, 10:25-10:35
	3-4km NNW	Heard	6	Explosion	Undetermined	Mortar (type N/K)	5-Dec, 10:45
	2-3km NNW	Heard		Shot	Uncountable	HMG and SALW	5-Dec, 10:53-10:58
NW part of Novohryhorivka (non-government-controlled, 61km NE of Donetsk)	3-6km NW	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 13:15
About 1.5km SE of Lomakyne	N/K ENE	Heard	12	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 10:40-10:48



(government-controlled, 93km S of Donetsk)							
Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km NW	Heard	2	Burst		HMG	4-Dec, 19:35
	3-5km NW	Heard	3	Burst		HMG	4-Dec, 20:21
	3-5km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	4-Dec, 21:34
	3-5km W	Heard	7	Burst		HMG	4-Dec, 22:09
	1-2km SW	Heard	10	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 13:15
	1-2km SW	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 14:12
	2-4km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 17:11
	2-4km W	Heard	1	Burst		HMG	5-Dec, 17:11
N edge of Horlivka (non-government-controlled, 39 km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km W	Heard	8	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 09:40-09:44
	1-3km W	Heard	4	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 09:55
	5-6km SW	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 10:13-10:15
WNW edge of Horlivka (non-government controlled, 39km NE of Donetsk)	1-3km W	Heard	5	Burst		Small arms	5-Dec, 13:40
Holmivskiyi (non-government-controlled, 49km NE of Donetsk)	2-3km NW	Heard	14	Burst		HMG	5-Dec, 10:10
Entry-exit checkpoint in Maiorsk (government-controlled, 45km NE of Donetsk)	3-5km S	Heard	3	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 10:15
	3-5km S	Heard	2	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 10:33
Svitlodarsk (government-controlled, 57km NE of Donetsk)	3-4km SE	Heard	32	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 16:11-16:17
	3-4km ESE	Heard	8	Burst		HMG	5-Dec, 16:11-16:17
SMM camera in Kriakivka (government-controlled, 38km NW of Luhansk)	3-4km SSW	Recorded	1	Illumination flare	In vertical flight	N/K	4-Dec, 23:08
E edge of Stanytsia Luhanska (government-controlled, 16km NE of Luhansk)	2-4km NW	Heard	1	Shot		HMG	4-Dec, 19:48
SE edge of Trokhizbenka (government-controlled, 32km NW of Luhansk)	2-3km SW	Heard	1	Shot		Small arms	5-Dec, 11:29
N edge of Popasna (government-controlled, 60km W of Luhansk)	4-6km W	Heard	1	Explosion	Undetermined	N/K	5-Dec, 15:00

### Map of Donetsk and Luhansk regions<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> 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 has 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 patrols in this settlement during daylight hours, as well).