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PRESS STATEMENT

# Press Statement from the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine

KYIV, 13 February 2022 - The Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine is a civilian mission. The majority of international mission members are seconded by OSCE participating States. The secondment system allows participating States to make decisions *inter alia* on the relocation of their secondees in or out of the country. Recently, certain participating States have decided that their respective secondees in the SMM should leave Ukraine within the next days.

The SMM will continue to implement its OSCE approved mandate with its monitors deployed in ten cities throughout Ukraine.

The SMM places the highest priority on the safety and security of all its staff and will continue to assess the security situation continuously.

For PDF attachments or links to sources of further information, please visit: <https://www.osce.org/special-monitoring-mission-to-ukraine/512014>

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