STATEMENT

on the release of the OSCE observers

"The EU welcomes the release of the seven unarmed military observers under the OSCE Vienna Document from Germany, Denmark, Poland and the Czech Republic as well as of the Ukrainian military personnel accompanying them who had altogether been held hostage in Slovyansk for more than a week. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to this positive development. This should now be followed by the release of all other hostages held by illegally armed groups in east Ukraine."

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