STATEMENT

Statement on the ceasefire implementation agreement in Ukraine

"We welcome the agreement reached in Minsk on the modalities of the implementation of the ceasefire in Ukraine.

We take good note of the fact that the ceasefire has so far resulted in a significant decrease in the level of violence, the ongoing release of hostages, and the adoption by the Ukrainian Parliament on Tuesday of laws on amnesty and interim self-governance status for certain districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk, in view of the implementation of key points of the Minsk Protocol of 5 September.

All elements of the Minsk Protocol and of this agreement must now be fully implemented by all sides. A lasting ceasefire remains key to the success of the current efforts to reach a sustainable political solution, based on respect for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The EU stands ready to support any efforts related to the implementation of these agreements, including in particular through the OSCE."

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