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STATEMENT

Statement by the Spokesperson on the holding of the local elections in certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions

"Today's announcement will allow to prepare proper conditions for holding local elections in certain areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions in line with Ukrainian legislation and OSCE standards under ODIHR monitoring. Due implementation will represent a fundamental step towards full implementation of the Minsk agreements. Together with the recently reached agreement on the withdrawal of smaller weapons this announcement offers renewed hope for a sustainable political settlement of the conflict, based on full respect of international law and Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity."

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STATEMENT

Statement by the Spokesperson on the agreement reached within the Trilateral Contact Group on the withdrawal of weapons in eastern Ukraine

"The agreement on the withdrawal of tanks, artillery under 100mm and mortars up to 120mm in eastern Ukraine reached yesterday (29 September) within the Trilateral Contact Group's working group on security is a positive step forward.

The withdrawal would strengthen the ceasefire, which has been largely holding since 1 September 2015, and contribute to the complete implementation of the Minsk agreements in full respect of Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

To this end, it will be essential that the OSCE SMM is granted full, safe and unrestricted access to all areas and weapon storage points so as to carry out its mandate.

Ahead of the Normandy Summit in Paris on 2 October, it is now crucial to advance on the implementation of other provisions of the Minsk agreements, notably on local elections."

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Press release

High Representative Federica Mogherini met Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini had today, at the margins of the 70th United Nations General Assembly in New York, a bilateral meeting with the minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Sergey Lavrov.

The High Representative and Minister Lavrov spoke about a wide range of international and bilateral issues. On Syria and Libya, they shared the need to support the UN-led efforts for political solutions for both crises and to address the humanitarian aspects, including the urgency to manage the refugee and migrant flows. The High Representative updated Minister Lavrov on the EU naval operation against traffickers and smugglers of migrants in the Mediterranean Sea.

Federica Mogherini and the Russian Foreign Minister also exchanged views on the perspective of a renewed engagement for the Middle East Quartet that will meet tomorrow, and on the implementation of the Iranian nuclear deal.

HRVP Mogherini and Minister Lavrov discussed the situation in eastern Ukraine and the need to fully implement the Minsk Agreements, with a particular focus on local elections.

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STATEMENT

Statement by the Spokesperson on the release of Estonian police officer Eston Kohver

Eston Kohver, the Estonian police officer who was abducted by Russian Security Services on Estonian territory a year ago, was today released from prison in Russia. Throughout his detention, the EU, in close cooperation with Estonia, was calling for his immediate release and for respect of due process. We are pleased that Eston Kohver returned home and was reunited with his family.

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