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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/...

of ...

**amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 concerning restrictive measures
against serious human rights violations and abuses**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and
Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 7 December 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999¹.
- (2) On 8 December 2020, in the Declaration by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the ‘High Representative’), on behalf of the European Union, regarding the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, the Union and its Member States reaffirmed their strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. The EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime underscores the Union’s determination to enhance its role in addressing serious human rights violations and abuses worldwide. Achieving the effective enjoyment of human rights by everyone is a strategic goal of the Union. Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights is a fundamental value of the Union and its common foreign and security policy.
- (3) In his statement of 16 December 2023, the High Representative stressed the Union’s concern about increased violence against Palestinians by extremist settlers in the occupied West Bank, which has reached unprecedented levels. The Union has continued to reiterate its firm condemnation of settler violence and called for accountability. The Union has also called on Israel to prevent settler violence and ensure that the perpetrators of crimes are held accountable. Since the Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel on 7 October 2023, settler violence has increased drastically.

¹ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 of 7 December 2020 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses (OJ L 410 I, 7.12.2020, p.13).

- (4) In their joint statement of 20 May 2024 on attacks on medical and civilian infrastructure in Gaza and the West Bank, the High Representative and the Commissioner for Crisis Management called the suffering of the civilian population in Gaza a human tragedy and expressed the Union's deep concern. They reiterated their calls for an immediate ceasefire, the unconditional release of all hostages, and full humanitarian access.
- (5) In that context, five persons and three entities should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999.
- (6) Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entries are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies under heading ‘A. Natural persons’:

	Names (Transliteration into Latin script)	Names	Identifying information	Reasons for listing	Date of listing
‘110.	Moshe SHARVIT	משה שרביט (Hebrew spelling)	DOB: 13.11.1994 Nationality: Israeli Gender: male ID number: 206223000	Moshe Sharvit is an Israeli settler in the Jordan Valley who lives in an outpost near a village, called “Tirza Valley Farm” and also known as “Moshe’s Farm”. Moshe Sharvit is engaged in settler violence and threats towards Palestinian residents in shepherding communities close to his hilltop outpost in the West Bank. His harassment against those communities has escalated since October 2023.	+

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	Names (Transliteration into Latin script)	Names	Identifying information	Reasons for listing	Date of listing
			<p>Address: Tirzah Valley Farm outpost, West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories</p> <p>Associated entities: Moshe's Farm</p>	<p>Moshe Sharvit has frequently harassed Palestinians verbally and physically, demanding that they leave their homes and properties. In October 2023, that behaviour resulted in Palestinian civilians fleeing their village of Ein Shibli. He used threatening language against Palestinian men, women and children and physically attacked an elderly person. His actions include hurling stones at Palestinians and their livestock, intentionally driving into herds and cultivated fields, deploying dogs to attack Palestinians and their livestock, and physically abusing animals by using clubs and whips.</p> <p>Therefore, Moshe Sharvit is responsible for serious and systematic human rights abuses, including abuse of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental integrity. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.</p>	

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111.	Zvi BAR YOSEF a.k.a. Zvi BAR-YOSEF		<p>DOB: 20.9.1992</p> <p>Nationality: Israeli</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>ID number: 204377998</p> <p>Associated entities: Zvi's Farm</p>	<p>Zvi Bar Yosef established the unauthorised outpost known as "Zvi's Farm" in the West Bank, east of the Halamish settlement. The outpost has taken over some 2,500 dunams / 620 acres that were cultivated by the villages of Jibya, Kaubar (Kobar) and Umm Safa.</p> <p>In 2019, 2021 and 2023, Zvi Bar Yosef repeatedly attacked and committed acts of violence against Palestinians from those villages, causing severe injuries to some of them.</p> <p>Therefore, Zvi Bar Yosef is responsible for serious and systematic human rights abuses, including abuses of the right to physical and mental integrity, the right to property and the right to private and family life. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.</p>	+

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112.	Isaschar MANNE a.k.a. Issachar MANN	יששכר מן (Hebrew spelling)	DOB: 10.5.1983 Nationality: Israeli Gender: male ID number: 038826939	<p>Isaschar Manne, who established the unauthorised Manne Farm outpost in the South Hebron Hills, has repeatedly invaded private lands of the residents of the village of Ta'ala and prevented Palestinians from moving about freely, for instance by preventing Palestinian children from reaching their school in Tuba, Masafer Yatta.</p> <p>Since 2018, there have been several accounts of Isaschar Manne barging into shepherds' homes, and threatening and harassing them. Manne, who is often armed, has prevented Palestinian shepherds from accessing their pastures, thus depriving them of the possibility to cultivate their land and provide for their needs.</p> <p>Therefore, Isaschar Manne is responsible for systematic and serious human rights abuses, including abuses of the right to property, the right to private and family life and the right to education. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.</p>	+

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113.	Baruch MARZEL		<p>Position(s): Member of Otzma Yehudit</p> <p>DOB: 23.4.1959</p> <p>POB: Boston, USA</p> <p>Nationality: American, Israeli</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Address: Tel Rumeida settlement, Hebron, Occupied Palestinian Territories</p>	<p>Baruch Marzel is a member of the far-right political party “Otzma Yehudit”, which represents one of Israel’s most extremist ideologies and is part of the Kahanist movement. In the 1990s, he was the leader of the Kahane party until it was banned by the Israeli authorities in 1994.</p> <p>In 2019, Baruch Marzel was banned by the Israeli Supreme Court from standing in parliamentary elections because the court found that he had made numerous racist remarks.</p> <p>Baruch Marzel calls for the creation of a Greater Israel where Palestinians would have no place. He openly calls for an ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians and denies the Palestinians’ right to their own land.</p> <p>Therefore, Baruch Marzel is responsible for serious human rights abuses, in particular systematic advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred, which constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.</p>	+

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114.	Ben-Zion “Bentzi” GOPSTEIN	בן ציון גופשטיין (Hebrew spelling)	Position: founder and leader of Lehava DOB: 10.9.1969 Nationality: Israeli Gender: male ID number: 024526394 Address: Givat HaAvot, Kiryat Arba, Occupied Palestinian Territories Associated entities: Lehava	Ben-Zion “Bentzi” Gopstein, who lives in the settlement of Kiryat Arba (West Bank), is the founder and leader of the extremist organisation “Lehava”, a spin-off from the Kahanist movement, with the goal to “fight assimilation in the Holy Land”. Ben-Zion “Bentzi” Gopstein promotes a vision that denies all Palestinians their rights and calls for an end to the Palestinian presence in Israel and in the Palestinian Territories. Ben-Zion “Bentzi” Gopstein openly called for a war against the Palestinians. He was banned by Israel’s Supreme Court from running in the 2019 Knesset elections because he “systematically incites racism against the Arab public”. Therefore, Ben-Zion “Bentzi” Gopstein is responsible for systematic and serious human rights abuses consisting of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred, which constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.	+

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- (2) the following entries are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies under heading ‘B. Legal persons, entities and bodies’:

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‘29.	Moshe’s Farm a.k.a. Tirza Valley Farm Outpost	החווה של משה (Hebrew spelling)	Address: West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories Date of registration: 2021 Associated individuals: Moshe Sharvit	<p>Moshe’s Farm is owned by Israeli settler Moshe Sharvit, and was founded by him in 2020. Moshe Sharvit is engaged in settler violence and threats towards Palestinian residents in shepherding communities close to his hilltop outpost in the West Bank.</p> <p>Moshe’s Farm is an illegal outpost located approximately 1,5 kilometers southeast of the Hamra settlement, in the West Bank. Moshe’s Farm has expanded since its founding, and currently includes several residential buildings, a guest lodge for travelers and an events complex. The guest lodge can accommodate up to 100 people, and all buildings were set up without permits and are thus illegal. Since the establishment of Moshe’s Farm, it has been a hub of violence and harassment against Palestinian shepherding communities and been the base from which Moshe Sharvit and other farm residents perpetrate violence and harassment against Palestinians.</p>	+

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				Therefore, Moshe's Farm is an entity associated with Moshe Sharvit, listed for serious and systematic abuses of human rights, including abuse of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental integrity. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.	

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30.	Zvi's Farm	החווה של צבי (Hebrew spelling)	Address: Halamish, West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories Associated individuals: Zvi Bar Yosef	<p>Zvi's Farm is an illegal, unauthorised farming outpost on Palestinian territory, close to Halamish, in the West Bank.</p> <p>Zvi's Farm is situated in a stretch of the West Bank which is under full Israeli military control and is home to Palestinian residents.</p> <p>Zvi's Farm is operated by Zvi Bar Yosef, who uses the outpost as a base from which he perpetrates violence against Palestinian residents and prevents Palestinian farmers from accessing and using their lands. The outpost has taken over some 2,500 dunams / 620 acres that were cultivated by the villages of Jibya, Kaubar (Kobar) and Umm Safa.</p> <p>In 2019, 2021 and 2023, Zvi Bar Yosef repeatedly attacked and committed acts of violence against Palestinians from those villages, causing severe injuries to some of them.</p>	+

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				Therefore, Zvi's Farm is an entity associated with Zvi Bar Yosef, listed for serious and systematic human rights abuses, including abuses of the right to physical and mental integrity, the right to property and the right to private and family life. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.	

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31.	Tzav 9 a.k.a. Tsav 9; Order 9		Website: https://www.tzav9.co.il/faq/	<p>Tzav 9 is an Israeli group of violent activists co-founded in January 2024 by Reut Ben Haim and Aviad Shlomo Sarid. Reut Ben Haim and Yossef (Sefi) Ben Haim currently head the group.</p> <p>According to its website, Tzav 9's two main missions are to block supply trucks delivering humanitarian aid, including food, water and fuel, to Gaza and to tarnish the legitimacy of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East in Israel.</p>	+

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				<p>Since January 2024, Tzav 9 has regularly blocked humanitarian aid trucks. On 18 January 2024, the group carried out the first blockages of aid deliveries in Kerem Shalom. On 13 May 2024 at Tarqumiyah checkpoint, Tzav 9 participated in a violent protest against a truck driver. On 16 May 2024 in Binyamin, Tzav 9 was involved in an attack against a food truck. Other incidents took place, inter alia, in the areas of Kerem Shalom and Nitzana. The actions carried out include violent protests, attacks against food trucks and the destruction of food. Those actions contributed further to the already dire situation of the civilian population in Gaza.</p> <p>Therefore, Tzav 9 is responsible for serious human rights abuses, including abuse of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental integrity. Those abuses are also of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union.</p>	