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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine

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1. On 31 July 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilizing the situation in Ukraine. These measures were extended for the last time by Decision (CFSP) 2023/191 until 31 July 2023.
2. As long as the illegal actions by the Russian Federation continue to violate the prohibition on the use of force, which is a peremptory rule of international law, it is appropriate to maintain in force all the measures imposed by the Union and to take additional measures, if necessary. Consequently, Decision 2014/512/CFSP should be renewed for a further six months.
3. On 12 July 2023, the High Representative submitted a proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (doc. 11290/23).
4. On 13 July 2023, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) agreed on the text of the draft Council Decision and on 17 July 2023 RELEX agreed on the texts of the draft reply letters to observations received following pre-notifications.

5. In these circumstances, COREPER is invited to:

- confirm the agreement on the draft Council Decision and draft reply letters;
- recommend that the Council:
 - adopt the Council Decision as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 11291/23;
 - approve the reply letters as set out in the Annex to this note.

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