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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/...

of ...

**implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1716
concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 of 14 October 2019 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua¹, and in particular Article 13(1) thereof,

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

¹ OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 1.

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 October 2019, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2019/1716.
- (2) The Council has reviewed the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1716. On the basis of that review, the statement of reasons in respect of two natural persons and one entity should be updated.
- (3) Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 is amended as follows:

(1) Under the heading ‘A. Natural persons referred to in Article 2’, entries 5 and 12 are replaced by the following:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
‘5.	Luis PÉREZ OLIVAS	Date of birth: 8.1.1956 Gender: male	Head of District Three Police Station in Managua since 2023. Former General Commissioner and Legal Assistance Main Officer (DAEJ) in the ‘El Chipote’ penitentiary centre. Responsible for serious human rights violations, including torture, use of extensive force, mistreatment of detainees and other forms of degrading treatment.	4.5.2020

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
12.	Alba Luz RAMOS VANEGAS	Date of birth: 3.6.1949 Gender: female Nationality: Nicaraguan Passport number: A0009864 (Nicaragua)	Former President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Nicaragua. Responsible for instrumentalisation of the judiciary in favour of the interests of the Ortega regime, through the selective criminalisation of opposition activities, perpetuating the pattern of violations of rights of due process, arbitrary arrests, and the disqualification of political parties and opposition candidates. She is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations, for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and for seriously undermining the rule of law in Nicaragua	2.8.2021'

(2) Under the heading ‘B. Legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 2’, entry 2 is replaced by the following:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
‘2.	Supreme Electoral Council Consejo Supremo Electoral	Address: Pista Juan Pablo II, Managua 14005, Nicaragua Website: https://www.cse.gob.ni/ Email: info@cse.gob.ni	The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) is the body responsible for the preparation, holding and certification of the general elections of 7 November 2021, which by their lack of transparency, true opposition and democratic debate, undermined democratic institutions and processes. The SEC deprived the opposition of the opportunity to stand for free elections and ensured the organisation of polls in non-democratic conditions. On 3 October 2023, the SEC cancelled the legal status of Yatama, the main indigenous political party in Nicaragua, hindering its participation in the March 2024 elections in two autonomous regions of the country (Costa Caribe and Costa Caribe Norte). The SEC is therefore responsible for the repression of democratic opposition and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua.	10.1.2022’