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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine

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 destabilising the situation in Ukraine. The measures have been extended since then, last time by Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1313 until 31 January 2023.
2. On 24 February 2022, the President of the Russian Federation announced a military operation in Ukraine and the Russian armed forces launched an attack on Ukraine.
3. On 30 September 2022, the members of the European Council adopted a statement in which they firmly rejected and unequivocally condemned the illegal annexation by Russia of Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions. The members of the European Council stated that they do not and will never recognise the illegal 'referenda' that Russia has engineered as a pretext for this further violation of Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, nor their falsified and illegal results. They stated that they will strengthen the Union restrictive measures countering Russia's illegal actions and further increase pressure on Russia to end its war of aggression.

4. In view of the gravity of the situation and in response to Russia's military aggression against Ukraine and recent escalation, it is appropriate to introduce further restrictive measures.
5. On 28 September 2022, the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP (12822/22) concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine. On the same day, the High Representative and the Commission submitted to the Council a joint proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 (12824/22 + ADD1) concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine.
6. Coreper is therefore invited to:
 - agree the texts of the Council Decision and Regulation, as set out respectively in documents 12823/22 and 12825/22;
 - decide, given the urgency and in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that the Council use the written procedure to:
 - adopt the Council Decision amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 12823/22;
 - adopt the Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 12825/22.