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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/...

of ...

**amending Decision (CFSP) 2023/891 concerning restrictive measures
in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova**

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 28 April 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/891¹.
- (2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for the Republic of Moldova and its resilience, security, stability, economy and energy supply in the face of destabilising activities by external actors.
- (3) In view of the situation in the Republic of Moldova, the Council considers that five persons and one entity should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2023/891.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2023/891 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/891 of 28 April 2023 concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova (OJ L 114, 2.5.2023, p. 15).

Article 1

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2023/891 is amended in accordance with 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) 2023/891 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entries are added under the heading ‘A. Natural persons’:

| | Name | Identifying information | Statement of reasons | Date of listing |
|------|----------------|--|---|-----------------|
| ‘12. | Evghenia GUȚUL | Function: Governor of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia DOB: 5.9.1986 POB: Etulia, Vulcănești, SSR Moldova (now Republic of Moldova) Gender: female Nationality: Republic of Moldova | Evghenia Guțul is the Governor (Bashkan) of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia in the Republic of Moldova. She previously worked for Ilan Shor’s political party “SHOR” (“ȘOR”), which is now banned, and was involved in its illegal financing. She has proposed several of Shor’s associates to fill positions in Gagauzia’s Executive Committee, despite the fact that those individuals lack ties to Gagauzia. Despite lacking the constitutional competence to do so, as Governor she engaged in a formal visit to the Russian Federation and met Russian President Vladimir Putin. She asked Putin for and received assurance of Russia’s support to Gagauzia’s rights, authority and positions. By promoting separatism in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia and close ties to the Russian Federation, Evghenia Guțul is attempting to overthrow the constitutional order, thereby threatening the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova, and democracy, stability and security in the Republic of Moldova. | + |

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|-----|----------------|---|--|-----------------|
| 13. | Iurii CUZNEȚOV | <p>Function: Deputy Head of the General Department for External Relations, Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia</p> <p>DOB: 18.7.1988</p> <p>POB: SSR Moldova (now Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Nationality: Republic of Moldova</p> <p>State Identification Number (IDNP): 2004042080868</p> | <p>Iurii Cuznețov, a former member of Ilan Shor's political party "SHOR" ("ȘOR"), is the Deputy Head of the General Department for External Relations of the Executive Committee of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia. He joined Evghenia Guțul on her visit to the Russian Federation and was involved in the scheme to finance Gagauzian citizens through a Russian bank. He actively supported Evghenia Guțul's campaign for Governor (Bashkan) of Gagauzia.</p> <p>Iurii Cuznețov is therefore associated with Evghenia Guțul.</p> | + |

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| 14. | Nelli PARUTENCO | <p>Function: Founder/Director of Evrazia</p> <p>DOB: 21.3.1962</p> <p>Gender: female</p> <p>Nationality: Republic of Moldova</p> <p>State Identification Number (IDNP): 0970403899047</p> | <p>Nelli Parutenco was the treasurer of Ilan Shor's political party "SHOR" ("ŞOR"), until it was banned. In the context of investigations into SHOR for illegal financing, she escaped to Moscow in 2022.</p> <p>Nelli Parutenco is now the founder and director of the Russia-based non-governmental association Evrazia, the goal of which is to promote Russian interests in former Soviet republics, including in the Republic of Moldova. Evrazia promotes Russian propaganda narratives, including among young children at youth camps it organises. Evrazia serves as a channel to provide financing from a Russian bank and from Ilan Shor to citizens and infrastructure projects in Gagauzia.</p> <p>Through Evrazia, Nelli Parutenco is therefore attempting to overthrow the constitutional order, thereby threatening the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova, and democracy, stability and security in the Republic of Moldova.</p> <p>Nelli Parutenco is associated with Evrazia. Moreover, Nelli Parutenco is associated with Ilan Shor.</p> | + |

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| 15. | Ilia UZUN | <p>Function: Deputy President of the Executive Committee of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, member of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia</p> <p>DOB: 16.5.1967</p> <p>POB: Chioselia Rusă, Comrat, SSR Moldova (now Republic of Moldova)</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Nationality: Republic of Moldova</p> <p>State Identification Number (IDNP): 0961607975268</p> | <p>Ilia Uzun is a member of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia and Deputy President of the Executive Committee of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia. He met Ilan Shor in Israel to discuss the implementation in Gagauzia of the electoral plans of Governor (Bashkan) Evghenia Guțul. Ilia Uzun is engaged in spreading Russian propaganda, launched by Ilan Shor's team. He planned, attended and led demonstrations against the authorities of the Republic of Moldova organised by Ilan Shor or his associates. He publicly gave support to Ilan Shor or his actions. He is therefore associated with Ilan Shor.</p> | + |

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| 16. | Mihail VLAH | <p>Function: Deputy Governor and media relations advisor to the Governor of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia</p> <p>DOB: 4.2.1978</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Nationality: Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Passport Number: 2000019014568</p> | <p>Mihail Vlah is a deputy to the Governor (Bashkan) of Gagauzia, Evghenia Guțul. He has been appointed by Evghenia Guțul but his appointment was not approved by the People's Assembly of Gagauzia. He is also Evghenia Guțul's media relations advisor. He met Ilan Shor in Israel to discuss the implementation in Gagauzia of the electoral plans of Governor Guțul. He planned and attended demonstrations against the authorities of the Republic of Moldova, in support of Evghenia Guțul or organised by Ilan Shor or his associates. He publicly gave support to Ilan Shor's or Evghenia Gutul's actions. Mihail Vlah is therefore associated with Ilan Shor and Evghenia Guțul. Furthermore, he took part in a violent demonstration against the Government of the Republic of Moldova and attempted to destabilise the constitutional order by claiming that the Autonomous Territorial Region of Gagauzia has the right to open diplomatic representations abroad.</p> | + ⁹ ; |

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(2) the following entry is added under the heading ‘B. Legal persons, entities and bodies’:

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| ‘2. | Evrazia - Autonomous non-commercial organisation for the promotion of international cooperation | Type of entity: Autonomous non-commercial organisation Address: Moscow, 127006, Krasnoproletarskaya Street 7, office 4/P, Russian Federation Registration numbers: OGRN: 1247700291200; INN: 9707028663; KPP: 770701001 Website: https://evrazia.su/ | Evrazia is a Russia-based non-governmental association founded by Nelli Parutenco. Its goal is to promote Russian interests in former Soviet republics, including in the Republic of Moldova. Evrazia promotes Russian propaganda narratives, including among young children at youth camps it organises. Evrazia serves as a channel to provide financing from a Russian bank and from Ilan Shor to citizens and infrastructure projects in Gagauzia. Evrazia is therefore attempting to overthrow the constitutional order, thereby threatening the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova, and democracy, stability and security in the Republic of Moldova. Evrazia is associated with Nelli Parutenco. Moreover, Evrazia is associated with Ilan Shor. | + |

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