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

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

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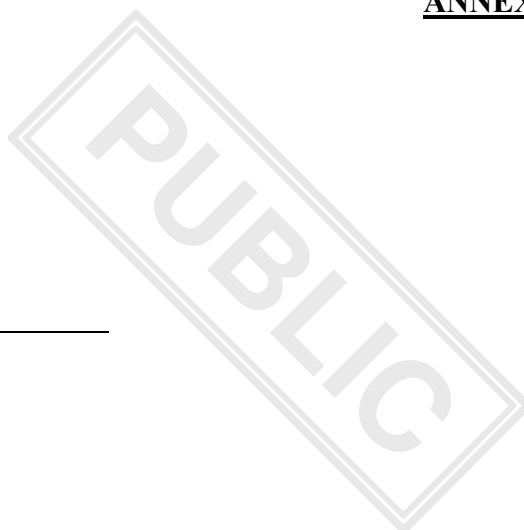
1. On 31 July 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine. The measures have been extended since then, last time by Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/52 until 31 January 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. In its conclusions of 20 and 21 October 2022, the European Council condemned in the strongest possible terms the indiscriminate Russian missile and drone attacks targeting civilians and civilian objects and infrastructure in Kyiv and across Ukraine. Recalling the statement of 30 September 2022, and in line with the UN General Assembly Resolution of 12 October 2022, the European Council also reiterated its unequivocal condemnation and firm rejection of the illegal annexation by Russia of Ukraine's Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions and, as in the case of Crimea and Sevastopol, the Union will never recognise this illegal annexation. The European Council stated that Russia's unilateral decisions deliberately violate the UN Charter and blatantly disregard the rules-based international order and the Union stands ready to continue to reinforce its restrictive measures against Russia.
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 7 December 2022, the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP (15234/22) 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 (15383/22 + 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 15382/22 and 15384/22 + ADD1;
- 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 15382/22;
  - 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 15384/22 + ADD1;
  - approve the notice as set out in Annex I to this note;
  - approve the template for the notification letter for the entities added to Annex IX to Decision 2014/512/CFSP and to Annex XV to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, as set out in Annex II to this note.

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