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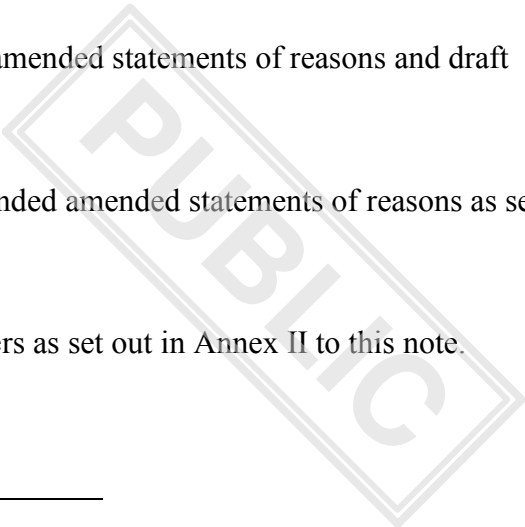
Subject: Restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine - pre-notifications

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1. On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. On the same day, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. The measures were last extended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1530 until 15 March 2023.
2. Intended amended statements of reasons and new evidence should be pre-notified to several persons subject to restrictive measures under the regime.
3. On 2 February 2023, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) agreed (through a written consultation) on the draft intended amended statements of reasons as set out in Annex I to this note and the draft letters as set out in Annex II.

4. In these circumstances, COREPER is invited to:

- confirm the agreement on the draft intended amended statements of reasons and draft letters;
- recommend that the Council approve the intended amended statements of reasons as set out in Annex I to this note;
- recommend that the Council approve the letters as set out in Annex II to this note.



Draft intended amended statements of reasons for the persons to be listed in the Annex to Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP and in Annex I to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

901.	Farkhad AKHMEDOV	DOB: 15.9.1955 POB: Baku, Azerbaijan Function: Businessperson involved in the energy sector and in Russian local politics; founder of Tansley Trading Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Farkhad Akhmedov is a Russian businessman, who has been involved in the energy sector and in Russian local politics. He founded Tansley Trading, which supplied equipment to Russian gas producers and became a minority shareholder in Nortgas, an oil and gas company in Siberia. He is reported to be close to the Kremlin has been a leading businessperson involved in economic sectors providing a substantial source of revenue to the Government of the Russian Federation, which is responsible for the annexation of Crimea and the destabilisation of Ukraine. He maintains residence in Russia, and has ongoing business interests in Russia, including in the IT and forestry sectors.	8.4.2022
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918.	<p>Grigory Viktorovich BEREZKIN (Григорий Викторович БЕРЁЗКИН)</p>	<p>DOB: 9.8.1966 POB: Moscow, Russian Federation Function: Chairman of the Board of Directors, ESN Group Nationality: Russian, Croatian Passport number: Croatian passport No. 101644415 (expiry: 18.3.2023) Gender: male</p>	<p>Grigory Berezkin is a leading Russian businessperson and close to President Vladimir Putin. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of ESN Group, a Russian private equity group with a portfolio of investments in various industries, including the media, energy, infrastructure, IT, natural resources and petrochemical sectors. ESN Group is one of Russia's largest companies. In 2019, Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) and ESN Group signed an agreement to invest in a project to design, build and operate a methanol plant in the Amur Region, in Russia's Far East. In 2021, VEB.RF, VTB, ESN Group, the Ministry for Development of the Russian Far East, Marubeni Corporation and Mitsui O.S.K. signed a memorandum of understanding during the Eastern Economic Forum, with the aim of developing a project for the construction of methanol-fuelled vessels by Russian shipbuilders. The ceremony was attended by President Putin.</p>	8.4.2022
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