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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Council Decision and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

1. On 17 March 2014 the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP and 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 renewed by Decision (CFSP) 2023/572 until 15 September 2023.
2. In its conclusions of 9 February 2023, the European Council reiterated its resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the United Nations Charter. The European Council also reiterated that the Union stands ready to continue to reinforce its restrictive measures against Russia.
3. The Council received new information concerning certain persons subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP. On the basis of the new information, the entries for 35 persons entries should be updated. Two persons, for whom the reasons for listing should be updated, should be notified.

4. On 30 March 2023, the High Representative submitted proposals for a Council Decision amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP (doc. 7778/23) and a Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 (doc. 7780/23), concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.
5. On 3 April 2023, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) agreed on the texts of the draft Council Decision and Implementing Regulation.
6. In these circumstances, COREPER is invited to:
- confirm the agreement on the draft Council Decision and Implementing Regulation;
 - 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 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 7779/23;
 - adopt the Council Implementing Regulation implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 7781/23;
 - approve the general template for notification letters as set out in the Annex to this note.

General template for letters of individual notification

This is to inform you that the Council of the European Union has decided to update the reasons for the inclusion of your client on the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures in the Annex to Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/xxxx¹, and Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/xxxx², concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

Your attention is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated in the websites in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 4 of the Regulation).

Your attention is drawn to the possibility of submitting a request to the Council, **before 1 June 2023**, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include your client on the above-mentioned list should be reconsidered, to the following address:

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