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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/87

of 22 January 2018

implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 of 30 August 2017 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and repealing Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 (1), and in particular Article 47(2) thereof.

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 30 August 2017, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2017/1509.
- (2) In view of the continued and accelerated nuclear and ballistic programmes of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), which are in breach of the DPRK's obligations as set out in several United Nations Security Council Resolutions, as evidenced by the most recent ballistic missile launch by the DPRK on 28 November 2017, seventeen persons should be added to the list of persons in Annex XVI to Regulation (EU) 2017/1509.
- (3) Annex XVI to Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex XVI to Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 January 2018.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 31.8.2017, p. 1.

The following persons are added to the list of persons set out in Annex XVI to Regulation (EU) 2017/1509, under the heading '(a) Natural persons':

	Name (and possible aliases)	Identifying information	Date of designation	Reasons
'2.	CHOE Chan Il		22.1.2018	Director of the Dandong office of Korea Heungjin Trading Company, a UN designated entity. Korea Heungjin is used by KOMID, another UN designated entity, for trading purposes. KOMID was designated by the UN Sanctions Committee in April 2009 and is the DPRK's primary arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons.
3.	KIM Chol Nam		22.1.2018	Director of the Dandong branch of Sobaeksu United Corp which has been designated by the Union. Representative of the Beijing branch of Korea Changgwang Trading Corporation, which has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as an alias of KOMID. KOMID was designated by the Sanctions Committee in April 2009 and is the DPRK's primary arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons.
4.	JON Chol Young	Passport number: 563410192 Diplomat DPRK Embassy Angola Date of birth: 30.4.1975	22.1.2018	Representative in Angola of Green Pine Associated Corporation and DPRK diplomat accredited to Angola. Green Pine has been designated by the UN for activities including violating the UN arms embargo. Green Pine has also negotiated contracts for the refurbishment of Angolan naval vessels in violation of the prohibitions imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions.
5.	AN Jong Hyuk a.k.a: An Jong Hyok	Diplomat DPRK Embassy Egypt Date of birth: 14.3.1970 Passport number: 563410155	22.1.2018	Representative of Saeng Pil Trading Corporation, an alias of Green Pine Associated Corporation, and DPRK diplomat in Egypt. Green Pine has been designated by the UN for activities including breach of the UN arms embargo. An Jong Hyuk was authorised to conduct all types of business on behalf of Saeng Pil, including signing and implementing contracts and banking business. The company specialises in the construction of naval vessels and the design, fabrication and installation of electronic communication and marine navigation equipment.
6.	CHOL Yun	Third Secretary DPRK Embassy China	22.1.2018	Chol Yun has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as contact person of the DPRK Company General Precious Metal involved in the sale of lithium-6, a UN prohibited nuclear-related item, and DPRK diplomat. General Precious Metal has previously been identified by the Union as an alias of the UN designated entity Green Pine.



	Name (and possible aliases)	Identifying information	Date of designation	Reasons
7.	CHOE Kwang Hyok		22.1.2018	Choe Kwang Hyok has served as a representative of Green Pine Associated Corporation, a UN designated entity. Choe Kwang Hyok has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as chief executive of Beijing King Helong International Trading Ltd, an alias of Green Pine. He has also been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as director of Hong Kong King Helong Int'l Trading Ltd and operator of the DPRK entity named Beijing representative office of Korea Unhasu Trading Company, which are also aliases of Green Pine.
8.	KIM Chang Hyok a.k.a: James Jin or James Kim	Date of birth: 29.4.1963 Place of birth: N. Hamgyong Passport number: 472130058	22.1.2018	Kim Chang Hyok has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as the representative of Pan Systems Pyongyang in Malaysia. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations. Established multiple accounts in Malaysia in the name of front companies of "Glocom", itself a front company of designated entity Pan Systems Pyongyang.
9.	PARK Young Han		22.1.2018	Director of Beijing New Technology which has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a front company of KOMID. KOMID was designated by the Sanctions Committee in April 2009 and is the DPRK's primary arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons. Legal representative of Guancaiweixing Trading Co., Ltd, which was identified by the UN Panel of Experts as the shipper of an intercepted shipment to Eritrea of military-related items in August 2012.
10.	RYANG Su Nyo	Date of birth: 11.8.1959 Place of birth: Japan	22.1.2018	Director of Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
11.	PYON Won Gun	Date of birth: 13.3.1968 Place of birth: S. Phyongan Service passport number: 836220035 Passport number: 290220142	22.1.2018	Director of Glocom, a front company of Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems. Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations. Glocom advertises radio communications equipment for military and paramilitary organisations. Pyon Won Gun has also been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang.



	Name (and possible aliases)	Identifying information	Date of designation	Reasons
12.	PAE Won Chol	Date of birth: 30.8.1969 Place of birth: Pyongyang Diplomatic Passport number: 654310150	22.1.2018	Pae Won Chol has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
13.	RI Sin Song		22.1.2018	Ri Sin Song has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
14.	KIM Sung Su		22.1.2018	Kim Sung Su has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as representative of Pan Systems Pyongyang in China. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
15.	KIM Pyong Chol		22.1.2018	Kim Pyong Chol has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
16.	CHOE Kwang Su	Third secretary DPRK Embassy South Africa Date of birth: 20.4.1955 Passport number: 381210143 (expiration date: 3.6.2016)	22.1.2018	Choe Kwang Su has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a representative of Haegeumgang Trading Company. In this capacity Choe Kwang Su signed a DPRK-Mozambique military cooperation contract in violation of the prohibitions imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The contract concerned the supply of arms and arm-related material to Monte Binga, a company controlled by the Government of Mozambique.
17.	PAK In Su a.k.a: Daniel Pak	Date of birth: 22.5.1957 Place of birth: N. Hamgyong Diplomatic passport number: 290221242	22.1.2018	Pak In Su has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as being involved in activities related to the sale of coal from DPRK in Malaysia in violation of the prohibitions imposed by the United Nations Security Council Resolutions.



	Name (and possible aliases)	Identifying information	Date of designation	Reasons
18.	SON Young-Nam	First Secretary DPRK Embassy Bangladesh	22.1.2018	Son Young-Nam has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as being involved in the smuggling of gold and other items to the DPRK in violation of the prohibitions imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions.'

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/88

of 22 January 2018

implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 of 13 November 2017 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela (¹), and in particular Article 17(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 13 November 2017 the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2017/2063.
- (2) On 13 November 2017 the Council adopted conclusions on Venezuela, reaffirming that constructive dialogue and negotiation are the only sustainable way to address the current crisis and to respond to the pressing needs of the people of Venezuela.
- (3) The Council, underscoring its concerns with regard to the situation in the country, adopted restrictive measures and noted that those measures would be used in a gradual and flexible manner and could be expanded, by targeting those involved in the non-respect of democratic principles or the rule of law and the violation of human rights.
- (4) In view of the continuing deterioration of the situation in Venezuela, seven persons should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2017/2063.
- (5) Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 January 2018.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 295, 14.11.2017, p. 21.

The following persons are added to the list of persons and entities set out in Annex IV to Regulation (EU) 2017/2063:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'1.	Néstor Luis Reverol Torres	Date of birth: 28 October 1964	Minister for Interior, Justice and Peace; former Commander General of the Bolivarian National Guard. Responsible for serious human rights violations and repression of the de- mocratic opposition in Venezuela, including the prohibition and repression of political demonstrations.	22.1.2018
2.	Gustavo Enrique González López	Date of birth: 2 November 1960	Head of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). Responsible for serious human rights violations (including arbitrary detention, inhuman and degrading treatment, and torture) and repression of civil society and the democratic opposition in Venezuela.	22.1.2018
3.	Tibisay Lucena Ramírez	Date of birth: 26 April 1959	President of the National Electoral Council (<i>Consejo Nacional Electoral</i> – CNE). Her actions and policies have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by facilitating the establishment of the Constituent Assembly by failing to ensure that the CNE remains an impartial and independent institution in accordance with the Venezuelan Constitution.	22.1.2018
4.	Antonio José Benavides Torres	Date of birth: 13 June 1961	Chief of the Capital District (<i>Distrito Capital</i>) Government. General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 21 June 2017. Involved in repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Venezuela, and responsible for serious human rights violations committed by the Bolivarian National Guard under his command. His actions and policies as General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard, including the Bolivarian National Guard taking the lead in the policing of civilian demonstrations and publicly advocating that military courts should have jurisdiction over civilians, have undermined the rule of law in Venezuela.	22.1.2018
5.	Maikel José Moreno Pérez	Date of birth: 12 December 1965	President, and former Vice President, of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela (<i>Tribunal Supremo de Justicia</i>). In these roles, he has supported and facilitated the Government's actions and policies which have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, and is responsible for actions and statements that have usurped the authority of the National Assembly.	22.1.2018
6.	Tarek William Saab Halabi	Date of birth: 10 September 1963	Venezuelan Attorney General appointed by the Constituent Assembly. In this role and previous roles as Ombudsman and President of the Republican Moral Council, he has undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela by publicly supporting actions against opponents of the Government and the withdrawal of competences from the National Assembly.	22.1.2018



	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
7.	Diosdado Cabello Rondón	Date of birth: 15 April 1963	Member of the Constituent Assembly and First Vice President of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV). Involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by using the media to publicly attack and threaten political opposition, other media and civil society.	22.1.2018'

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2018/89

of 22 January 2018

amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 of 27 May 2016 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and repealing Decision 2013/183/CFSP (¹),

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 27 May 2016 the Council adopted Decision (CSFP) 2016/849.
- (2) In view of the continued and accelerated nuclear and ballistic programmes of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), which are in breach of the DPRK's obligations as set out in several United Nations Security Council Resolutions, as evidenced by the most recent ballistic missile launch by the DPRK on 28 November 2017, 17 persons should be added to the list of persons and entities in Annex III of Decision (CFSP) 2016/849.
- (3) Annex III to Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex III to Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 is amended as set out in 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 Brussels, 22 January 2018.

In Annex III to Decision (CFSP) 2016/849, under the heading 'List of persons referred to in point (c) of Article 23(1) and point (c) of Article 27(1)', subheading 'A. Persons', the following entries are added:

	Name	Identifying information	Date of designa- tion	Reasons
' 2.	CHOE Chan Il		22.1.2018	Director of the Dandong office of Korea Heungjin Trading Company, a UN designated entity. Korea Heungjin is used by KOMID, another UN designated entity, for trading purposes. KOMID was designated by the UN Sanctions Committee in April 2009 and is the DPRK's primary arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons.
3.	KIM Chol Nam		22.1.2018	Director of the Dandong branch of Sobaeksu United Corp which has been designated by the Union. Representative of the Beijing branch of Korea Changgwang Trading Corporation, which has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as an alias of KOMID. KOMID was designated by the Sanctions Committee in April 2009 and is the DPRK's primary arms dealer and main exporter of goods and equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons.
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5.	AN Jong Hyuk a.k.a: An Jong Hyok	Diplomat DPRK Embassy Egypt Date of birth: 14.3.1970 Passport number: 563410155	22.1.2018	Representative of Saeng Pil Trading Corporation, an alias of Green Pine Associated Corporation, and DPRK diplomat in Egypt. Green Pine has been designated by the UN for activities including breach of the UN arms embargo. An Jong Hyuk was authorized to conduct all types of business on behalf of Saeng Pil, including signing and implementing contracts and banking business. The company specializes in the construction of naval vessels and the design, fabrication and installation of electronic communication and marine navigation equipment.
6.	CHOL Yun	Third Secretary DPRK Embassy China	22.1.2018	Chol Yun has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as contact person of the DPRK Company General Precious Metal involved in the sale of lithium-6, a UN prohibited nuclear-related item, and DPRK diplomat. General Precious Metal has previously been identified by the Union as an alias of the UN designated entity Green Pine.



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10.	RYANG Su Nyo	Date of birth: 11.8.1959 Place of birth: Japan	22.1.2018	Director of Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
11.	PYON Won Gun	Date of birth: 13.3.1968 Place of birth: S. Phyongan Service passport number: 836220035 Passport number: 290220142	22.1.2018	Director of Glocom, a front company of Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations. Glocom advertises radio communications equipment for military and paramilitary organizations. Pyon Won Gun has also been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang.



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12.	PAE Won Chol	Date of birth: 30.8.1969 Place of birth: Pyongyang Diplomatic Passport number: 654310150	22.1.2018	Pae Won Chol has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
13.	RI Sin Song		22.1.2018	Ri Sin Song has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
14.	KIM Sung Su		22.1.2018	Kim Sung Su has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as representative of Pan Systems Pyongyang in China. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
15.	KIM Pyong Chol		22.1.2018	Kim Pyong Chol has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a DPRK national operating Pan Systems Pyongyang. Pan Systems Pyongyang has been designated by the Union for assisting in the evasion of sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council through the attempted sale of arms and related materiel to Eritrea. Pan Systems is also controlled by and works on behalf of the Reconnaissance General Bureau which has been designated by the United Nations.
16.	CHOE Kwang Su	Third secretary DPRK Embassy South Africa Date of birth: 20.4.1955 Passport number: 381210143 (expiration date: 3.6.2016)	22.1.2018	Choe Kwang Su has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as a representative of Haegeumgang Trading Company. In this capacity Choe Kwang Su signed a DPRK – Mozambique military cooperation contract in violation of the prohibitions imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The contract concerned the supply of arms and arm-related material to Monte Binga, a company controlled by the Government of Mozambique.
17.	PAK In Su a.k.a: Daniel Pak	Date of birth: 22.5.1957 Place of birth: N. Hamgyong Diplomatic passport number: 290221242	22.1.2018	Pak In Su has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as being involved in activities related to the sale of coal from DPRK in Malaysia in violation of the prohibitions imposed by the United Nations Security Council Resolutions.



	Name	Identifying information	Date of designa- tion	Reasons
18.	SON Young-Nam	First Secretary DPRK Embassy Bangladesh	22.1.2018	Son Young-Nam has been identified by the UN Panel of Experts as being involved in the smuggling of gold and other items to the DPRK in violation of the prohibitions imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2018/90

of 22 January 2018

amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 of 13 November 2017 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela (1),

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 13 November 2017 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074.
- (2) On 13 November 2017 the Council adopted conclusions on Venezuela, reaffirming that constructive dialogue and negotiation are the only sustainable way to address the current crisis and to respond to the pressing needs of the people of Venezuela.
- (3) The Council, underscoring its concerns with regard to the situation in the country, adopted restrictive measures and noted that those measures would be used in a gradual and flexible manner and could be expanded, by targeting those involved in the non-respect of democratic principles or the rule of law and the violation of human rights.
- (4) In view of the continuing deterioration of the situation in Venezuela, seven persons should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074.
- (5) Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 is amended as set out in 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 Brussels, 22 January 2018.

The following persons are added to the list of persons and entities set out in Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'1.	Néstor Luis Reverol Torres	Date of birth: 28 October 1964	Minister for Interior, Justice and Peace; former Commander General of the Bolivarian National Guard. Responsible for serious human rights violations and repression of the de- mocratic opposition in Venezuela, including the prohibition and repression of political demonstrations.	22.1.2018
2.	Gustavo Enrique González López	Date of birth: 2 November 1960	Head of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). Responsible for serious human rights violations (including arbitrary detention, inhuman and degrading treatment, and torture) and repression of civil society and the democratic opposition in Venezuela.	22.1.2018
3.	Tibisay Lucena Ramírez	Date of birth: 26 April 1959	President of the National Electoral Council (<i>Consejo Nacional Electoral</i> – CNE). Her actions and policies have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by facilitating the establishment of the Constituent Assembly by failing to ensure that the CNE remains an impartial and independent institution in accordance with the Venezuelan Constitution.	22.1.2018
4.	Antonio José Benavides Torres	Date of birth: 13 June 1961	Chief of the Capital District (Distrito Capital) Government. General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 21 June 2017. Involved in repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Venezuela, and responsible for serious human rights violations committed by the Bolivarian National Guard under his command. His actions and policies as General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard, including the Bolivarian National Guard taking the lead in the policing of civilian demonstrations and publicly advocating that military courts should have jurisdiction over civilians, have undermined the rule of law in Venezuela.	22.1.2018
5.	Maikel José Moreno Pérez	Date of birth: 12 December 1965	President, and former Vice President, of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela (<i>Tribunal Supremo de Justicia</i>). In these roles, he has supported and facilitated the Government's actions and policies which have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, and is responsible for actions and statements that have usurped the authority of the National Assembly.	22.1.2018
6.	Tarek William Saab Halabi	Date of birth: 10 September 1963	Venezuelan Attorney General appointed by the Constituent Assembly. In this role and previous roles as Ombudsman and President of the Republican Moral Council, he has undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela by publicly supporting actions against opponents of the Government and the withdrawal of competences from the National Assembly.	22.1.2018



	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
7.	Diosdado Cabello Rondón	Date of birth: 15 April 1963	Member of the Constituent Assembly and First Vice President of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV). Involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by using the media to publicly attack and threaten political opposition, other media and civil society.	



