

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/756

of 13 April 2023

amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

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 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- (3) In its conclusions of 23 March 2023, the European Council reiterated its resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the Charter of the United Nations. The European Council also reiterated that the Union remains committed to maintaining and increasing collective pressure on Russia, including through possible further restrictive measures.
- (4) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that two entities responsible for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
- (5) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures.
- (6) Decision 2014/145/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP 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 Brussels, 13 April 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. ROSWALL

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16).

ANNEX

The following entities are added to the list of persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'210.	Wagner Group (Russian: Группа Вагнера) a.k.a. Vagner Group PMC Wagner Liga League	Associated individuals: Dimitriy Utkin; Yevgeniy Prigozhin	The Wagner Group is a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, which was established in 2014 as a successor organisation of the Slavonic Corps. It is led by Dimitriy Utkin and financed by Yevgeniy Prigozhin. Through the setting-up of local entities, and with the support of local governments, the Wagner Group finances and conducts its operations. The Wagner Group spearheaded the attacks against the Ukrainian towns of Soledar and Bakhmut in January 2023 and it is actively participating in the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. The Wagner Group is therefore responsible for supporting materially actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	13.4.2023
211.	RIA FAN a.k.a. FNA Federal News Agency LLC RIA FNA	Place of registration: St. Petersburg, Russian Federation Date of registration: 11.5.2014 Website: www.riafan.ru Associated individual: Yevgeniy Prigozhin Associated entities: Patriot Media Group; Wagner Group.	RIA FAN is part of the Patriot Media Group, a Russian media organisation whose Board of Trustees is headed by Yevgeniy Prigozhin. RIA FAN is involved in pro-government propaganda and disinformation on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. RIA FAN refers to the ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine as a mission to stop 'Ukrainian Nazis' and promotes actions undertaken by the Wagner Group. RIA FAN is therefore supporting materially actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. RIA FAN is also associated with the Patriot Media Group.	13.4.2023'