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II
(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2192
of 13 December 2021
implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 (1), and in particular Article 21(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 18 January 2016, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2016/44.

(2) On 14 October 2020, the Council adopted Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1483 (2) and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481 (3), which designated one person involved in acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Libya, and who has close links, including financially, to the Wagner Group.

(3) In its conclusions of 24 and 25 June 2021, the European Council confirmed its commitment to Libya's stabilisation process under the auspices of the United Nations, and called for progress on the inclusive and Libyan-owned political dialogue and for the withdrawal without delay of all foreign forces and mercenaries.

(4) The Council remains concerned about the situation in Libya and in particular about acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of the country.

(5) In this context, one person involved in such acts should be added to the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44.

(6) Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1
Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44 is amended in accordance with 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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES
In Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2016/44, under the heading ‘A. Persons’, the following entry is added:

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<td>KUZNETSOV, Aleksandr (Alexander) Sergeevich (Александр Сергеевич КУЗНЕЦОВ)</td>
<td>Position (s): Commander of 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group Callsign: Ratibor Date of birth: 8 October 1977 Place of birth: Nikolskoye, former USSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Wagner Group ID: M-0271 Gender: male</td>
<td>Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov belongs to the command structure of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity. He took command of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group in 2014. He was injured in September 2019 in Libya while fighting alongside the Libyan National Liberation Army (NL A) as commander of the Wagner Group’s military operatives. Through his position and actions, Kuznetsov is responsible for the Wagner Group’s activities that threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya.</td>
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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2193
of 13 December 2021
implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 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 the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (1), and in particular Article 14(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:


(2) In view of the involvement of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, in Ukraine, the Council considers that three persons should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

(3) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The persons listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to the list set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

The following persons are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014:

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<td><strong>201.</strong> Dimitry (Dmitry, Dmitri, Dmitry) Valerievich UTKIN (Дмитрий Валерьевич УТКИН)</td>
<td>Position(s): Founder and Commander of the Wagner Group; CEO of Concord Management and Consulting&lt;br&gt;Rank: Lieutenant Colonel (Russian military)&lt;br&gt;Callsign: Wagner/Wagner&lt;br&gt;DOB: 1.6.1970 or 11.6.1970&lt;br&gt;Wagner Group ID: M-0209&lt;br&gt;POB: Asbest, Sverdlovsk Oblast, former USSR (now Russian Federation)&lt;br&gt;Nationality: Russian&lt;br&gt;Address: Pskov, Russian Federation&lt;br&gt;Gender: male</td>
<td>Dimitry Utkin, a former Russian military intelligence (GRU) officer, is the founder of the Wagner Group and responsible for coordinating and planning operations for the deployment of Wagner Group mercenaries in Ukraine.&lt;br&gt;In his commanding position within the Wagner Group, he was personally present on the combat field in Ukraine coordinating and planning the activities of Wagner members.&lt;br&gt;Given his commanding position, he is thus responsible for and has actively implemented actions which have undermined and threatened the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.</td>
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<td><strong>202.</strong> Denis Yurievich KHARITONO V (Денис Юрьевич ХАРИТОНОВ)</td>
<td>Position(s): Deputy regional head of the Astrakhan branch of the Union of Donbass Volunteers; member of Duma of Astrakhan Oblast; Wagner Group mercenary&lt;br&gt;DOB: 16.3.1980&lt;br&gt;POB: Astrakhan Oblast, Russian SFSR&lt;br&gt;Nationality: Russian&lt;br&gt;Passport: 76 2759110&lt;br&gt;Issued by MVD 30001&lt;br&gt;Expiry Date: 10.3.2030&lt;br&gt;Address: Village of Ilyinka, Astrakhan Oblast, Russian Federation&lt;br&gt;Gender: male</td>
<td>Denis Khartonov is deputy regional head of the Astrakhan branch of the Union of Donbass Volunteers, member of Duma of Astrakhan Oblast and Wagner Group mercenary.&lt;br&gt;He fought in Donbas in the separatist Steppe battalion, where he commanded a portable anti-aircraft missile complex platoon. He admitted that he personally shot down a Ukrainian helicopter and two Su-25 aircraft while in Donbas.&lt;br&gt;He received the Russian Federation’s Order of Merit for the Fatherland. He also received internal Wagner Groups awards as well as awards from the head of the Union of Donbas Volunteers and former prime minister of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) Alexander Borodai (subject to restrictive measures on the basis of Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP). Thereby he actively supported actions and implemented policies, which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.</td>
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| Sergey Vladimirovich SHCHERBAKOV (Сергей Владимирович ЩЕРБАКОВ) | Position(s): Freelance employee of the Russian GRU and Wagner group mercenary  
Nationality: Russian  
Address: Possibly: Astrakhan, Kirovskiy rayon, Raskolnikova 11 app. 5, Russian Federation  
Gender: male | Sergey Shcherbakov is a freelance employee of the Russian GRU and a Wagner Group mercenary.  
He fought in Donbas for the pro-Russian separatist forces as a member of a portable anti-aircraft missile complex military unit within the pro-Russian separatist Steppe battalion which shot down an Ukrainian helicopter and two Su-25 aircraft in Donbas. Thereby he actively supported actions and implemented policies, which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 13.12.2021' |
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2194
of 13 December 2021
implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 (1), and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:


(2) The Council remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria.

(3) The Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war efforts in Syria, in particular by training and directing Syrian forces and regime-affiliated militias.

(4) The Council considers that two persons involved in the military operations of the Wagner group in Syria, as well as three companies benefiting from and supporting the Syrian regime should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

(5) Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as follows:

(1) The following entries are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons):

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<td>Andrey Nikolaevoich TROSHEV (a.k.a. Andrei Mykolayivych TROSHEV)</td>
<td>Position(s): Retired colonel, Founding member and Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of the Wagner Group; Rank: Retired Colonel; Call sign: Siedoy; Date of birth: 5.4.1953; Place of birth: Leningrad, former USSR (now Russian Federation); Nationality: Russian; Relatives/Associates: Dimityrii Utkin (Wagner Group Founder); Andrey Bogatov (Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group), Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov (Commander of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group); Gender: male</td>
<td>Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of the Wagner Group, which operates in Syria and trains and directs Syrian forces. The Wagner Group also supports the Assad regime and fights alongside regime-affiliated militias and the Syrian army. Andrey Troshhev is directly involved in the military operations of the Wagner Group in Syria. He was particularly involved in the area of Deir ez-Zor. As such, he provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war effort and therefore supports and benefits from the Syrian regime.</td>
<td>13.12.2021</td>
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<td>Andrey Mikhailovich BOGATOV (a.k.a. Andrei Mychailovych BOGATOV)</td>
<td>Position(s): Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group; Call sign: Brodiaga; Wagner group ID: M-1601; Date of birth: 14.6.1964; Place of birth: Stary Oskol, Belgorod region, former USSR (now Russian Federation); Nationality: Russian; Relatives/Associates: Dimityrii Utkin (Wagner Group Founder); Andrey Nikolaevoich Troshhev (Founding member and Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of the Wagner Group), Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov (Commander of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group); Gender: male</td>
<td>Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group, which operates in Syria and trains and directs Syrian forces. The Wagner Group also supports the Assad regime and fights alongside regime-affiliated militias and the Syrian army. Andrey Bogatov commands the operations of the Wagner Group and is directly involved in the military operations of the Wagner Group in Syria. He was particularly involved in the battle of Palmyra. As such, he provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war effort and therefore supports and benefits from the Syrian regime.</td>
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The following entries are added to the list set out in Section B (entities):

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| Velada LLC  
OOO Велада | Address: Ochakovskoye Shosse, Dom 28, Building 2, Local 3, Room 8, Moscow, 119530, Russian Federation; Date of creation: 29.6.2015 | Velada LLC is a private company that is involved in the oil and gas sector in Syria. In December 2019, the Syrian parliament approved a contract granting Velada LLC the right to develop oil and gas in Syria, including in oilfields in the regime-controlled areas in Northeast Syria and a gas field north of Damascus. Thus, it benefits from or supports the Syrian regime. | 13.12.2021 |
| Mercury LLC  
OOO Меркурий | Address: Leninsky Prospekt, Dom 137, Building 1, Local 2, Room 5, Moscow, Russian Federation | Mercury LLC is a private company involved in the oil and gas sector in Syria. In December 2019, the Syrian parliament approved a contract granting Mercury LLC the right to develop oil and gas in Syria, including in oilfields in the regime-controlled areas in Northeast Syria and a gas field in the north of Damascus. Thus, it benefits from or supports the Syrian regime. | 13.12.2021 |
| Evro Polis LLC  
OOO Евро Полис | Address: Ulitsa BratevGozozankinykh, Dom 2B, Pomeshchenie 3.1., Krasnogorsk, 143409, Russian Federation; Relatives/Associates: General Petroleum Corp. | Evro Polis LLC is a private company linked to the Wagner Group in Syria, involved in the mining, oil and gas sectors in Syria. Evro Polis LLC is used as a front for the Wagner Group in Syria. It has signed a number of contracts with the Syrian regime, through the state-owned General Petroleum Corp., under which it receives 25 % of the proceeds from the production of oil and gas in fields captured by the Wagner Group. Thus, it benefits from or supports the Syrian regime. | 13.12.2021 |
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2195
of 13 December 2021
implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 of 7 December 2020 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses (1), and in particular Article 14(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:


(2) On 8 December 2020, in a Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union regarding the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, the Union and its Member States reaffirmed their strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. The EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime underscores the Union’s determination to enhance its role in addressing serious human rights violations and abuses worldwide. Achieving the effective enjoyment of human rights by everyone is a strategic goal of the Union. Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights are fundamental values of the Union and its Common Foreign and Security Policy.

(3) On 2 March 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/372 (2) and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/371 (3), which designated four Russian individuals involved in serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests and detentions, as well as widespread and systematic repression of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, and freedom of opinion and expression.

(4) On 22 March 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/481 (4) and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/478 (5), which designated 11 individuals and four entities involved in serious human rights violations in China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), Libya, Eritrea, South Sudan and Russia, including torture, extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances or systematic use of forced labour.

(5) The Union remains deeply concerned about serious human rights violations and abuses in various parts of the world, such as torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, committed by the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, in Ukraine, Syria, Libya, the Central African Republic (CAR), Sudan and Mozambique.

(6) Bearing in mind the international dimension and the gravity of the Wagner Group’s activities, as well as its destabilising impact in those countries, the Union considers that the Wagner Group’s actions undermine the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 TEU, in particular the objective to consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law, human rights and the principles of international law in accordance with point (b) of Article 21(2) TEU.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES
1. The following entries are added to the list of natural persons set out in section A (‘Natural persons’) in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1998:

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<td>‘16. Dimitry (Dimitry, Dmitri, Dmitry) Valerievich UTKIN (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>Дмитрий Валерьевич Уткин</td>
<td>Position(s): Founder and commander of the Wagner Group Rank: Lieutenant colonel (reserve) Callsign: Wagner, Wagner Wagner Group ID: M-0209 DOB: 1.6.1970 or 11.6.1970 POB: Asbest, Sverdlovsk Oblast, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Address: Pskov, Russian Federation Gender: male</td>
<td>Dimitriy Utkin, a former Russian military intelligence (GRU) officer, is the founder of the Wagner Group and responsible for coordinating and planning operations for the deployment of Wagner Group mercenaries across various countries. In his commanding position within the Wagner Group, he is responsible for serious human rights abuses committed by the group, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings. This includes the torturing to death of a Syrian deserter by four members of the Wagner Group in June 2017 in the governorate of Homs, Syria. According to a former member of the Wagner Group, Dimitriy Utkin personally ordered the torturing to death of the deserter as well as the filming of the act.</td>
<td>13.12.2021</td>
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<td>17. Stanislav Evgenievitch DYCCHO (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>Станислав Евгеньевич Дычко</td>
<td>Position(s): Mercenary of the Wagner Group DOB: 1990 Nationality: Russian Gender: male</td>
<td>Stanislav Dychko, a former employee of the Stavropol police, is a mercenary of the Wagner Group. Alongside three other mercenaries of the Wagner Group, he took part in the torturing to death of a Syrian deserter in June 2017 in the governorate of Homs, Syria. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights abuses in Syria.</td>
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<td>18. Valery (Valeriy) Nikolaevich ZAKHAROV (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>Валерий Николаевич Захаров</td>
<td>Position(s): Security counsellor to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR) Wagner Group ID: M-5658 DOB: 12.1.1970</td>
<td>Valery Zakharov, a former member of the Russian state security (FSB), is the security counsellor to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR). He is a key figure in the Wagner Group’s command structure and keeps close links with the Russian authorities.</td>
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2. The following entry is added to the list of legal persons, entities and bodies set out in section B ('Legal persons, entities and bodies') in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1998:

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<td>Wagner Group a.k.a. Группа Вагнера (Russian spelling)</td>
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<td>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 Yevgeny 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 is responsible for serious human rights abuses in Ukraine, Syria, Libya, the Central African Republic (CAR), Sudan and Mozambique, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings.</td>
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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2196
of 13 December 2021
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 of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,
Whereas:
(2) In view of the involvement in Ukraine of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, in actions that undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, in particular in Donbas, the Council considers that three persons 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.
(3) The Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
The persons listed in the Annex to this Decision shall be added to the list set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

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 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

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

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<td>Position(s): Founder and Commander of the Wagner Group; CEO of Concord Management and Consulting&lt;br&gt;Rank: Lieutenant Colonel (Russian military)&lt;br&gt;Callsign: Wagner/Wagner&lt;br&gt;DOB: 1.6.1970 or 11.6.1970&lt;br&gt;Wagner Group ID: M-0209&lt;br&gt;POB: Asbest, Sverdlovsk Oblast, former USSR (now Russian Federation)&lt;br&gt;Nationality: Russian&lt;br&gt;Address: Pskov, Russian Federation&lt;br&gt;Gender: male</td>
<td>Dimitriy Utkin, a former Russian military intelligence (GRU) officer, is the founder of the Wagner Group and responsible for coordinating and planning operations for the deployment of Wagner Group mercenaries in Ukraine.&lt;br&gt;In his commanding position within the Wagner Group, he was personally present on the combat field in Ukraine coordinating and planning the activities of Wagner members.&lt;br&gt;Given his commanding position, he is thus responsible for and has actively implemented actions which have undermined and threatened the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.</td>
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<td>202. Denis Yuriievich KCHARITONOV (Денис Юрьевич ХАРИТОНОВ)</td>
<td>Position(s): Deputy regional head of the Astrakhan branch of the Union of Donbass Volunteers; member of Duma of Astrakhan Oblast; Wagner Group mercenary&lt;br&gt;DOB: 16.3.1980&lt;br&gt;POB: Astrakhan Oblast, Russian SFSR&lt;br&gt;Nationality: Russian&lt;br&gt;Passport: 76 2759110&lt;br&gt;Issued by MVD 30001&lt;br&gt;Expiry Date: 10.3.2030&lt;br&gt;Address: Village of Ilyinka, Astrakhan Oblast, Russian Federation&lt;br&gt;Gender: male</td>
<td>Denis Kharitonov is deputy regional head of the Astrakhan branch of the Union of Donbass Volunteers, member of Duma of Astrakhan Oblast and Wagner Group mercenary.&lt;br&gt;He fought in Donbas in the separatist Stepe battalion, where he commanded a portable anti-aircraft missile complex platoon. He admitted that he personally shot down a Ukrainian helicopter and two Su-25 aircraft while in Donbas.&lt;br&gt;He received the Russian Federation's Order of Merit for the Fatherland. He also received internal Wagner Groups awards as well as awards from the head of the Union of Donbas Volunteers and former prime minister of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) Alexander Borodai (subject to restrictive measures on the basis of Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP).&lt;br&gt;Thereby he actively supported actions and implemented policies, which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.</td>
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| 203. Sergey Vladimirovich SHCHERBAKOV (Сергей Владимирович ЩЕРБАКОВ) | Position(s): Freelance employee of the Russian GRU and Wagner group mercenary  
Nationality: Russian  
Address: Possibly: Astrakhan, Kirovskiy rayon, Raskolnikova 11 app. 5, Russian Federation  
Gender: male | Sergey Shcherbakov is a freelance employee of the Russian GRU and a Wagner Group mercenary.  
He fought in Donbas for the pro-Russian separatist forces as a member of a portable anti-aircraft missile complex military unit within the pro-Russian separatist Steppe battalion which shot down an Ukrainian helicopter and two Su-25 aircraft in Donbas. Thereby he actively supported actions and implemented policies, which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 13.12.2021 |
COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2197
of 13 December 2021
amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses

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) 2020/1999 of 7 December 2020 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses (1), and in particular Article 5(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:


(2) On 8 December 2020, in a Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union regarding the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, the Union and its Member States reaffirmed their strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. The EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime underscores the Union’s determination to enhance its role in addressing serious human rights violations and abuses worldwide. Achieving the effective enjoyment of human rights by everyone is a strategic goal of the Union. Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights are fundamental values of the Union and its Common Foreign and Security Policy.

(3) On 2 March 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/372 (2), which designated four Russian individuals involved in serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests and detentions, as well as widespread and systematic repression of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, and freedom of opinion and expression.

(4) On 22 March 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/481 (3), which designated 11 individuals and four entities involved in serious human rights violations in China, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), Libya, Eritrea, South Sudan and Russia, including torture, extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances or systematic use of forced labour.

(5) The Union remains deeply concerned about serious human rights violations and abuses in various parts of the world, such as torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, committed by the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, in Ukraine, Syria, Libya, the Central African Republic (CAR), Sudan and Mozambique.

(6) Bearing in mind the international dimension and the gravity of the Wagner Group’s activities, as well as its destabilising impact in those countries, the Union considers that the Wagner Group’s actions undermine the objectives of the common foreign and security policy as set out in Article 21 TEU, in particular the objective to consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law, human rights and the principles of international law in accordance with point (b) of Article 21(2) TEU.

(7) In this context, three persons and one entity should be included in the list of natural persons, legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999.

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES
1. The following entries are added to the list of natural persons set out in Section A (‘Natural persons’) in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999:

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<td>Dimitriy (Dimitry, Dmitri, Dmitry) Valerievich UTKIN (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>Дмитрий Валерьевич Уткин Position(s): Founder and commander of the Wagner Group Rank: Lieutenant colonel (reserve) Callsign: Wagner, Wagner Wagner Group ID: M-0209 DOB: 1.6.1970 or 11.6.1970 POB: Asbest, Sverdlovsk Oblast, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Address: Pskov, Russian Federation Gender: male</td>
<td>Dimitriy Utkin, a former Russian military intelligence (GRU) officer, is the founder of the Wagner Group and responsible for coordinating and planning operations for the deployment of Wagner Group mercenaries across various countries. In his commanding position within the Wagner Group, he is responsible for serious human rights abuses committed by the group, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings. This includes the torturing to death of a Syrian deserter by four members of the Wagner Group in June 2017 in the governorate of Homs, Syria. According to a former member of the Wagner Group, Dimitriy Utkin personally ordered the torturing to death of the deserter as well as the filming of the act.</td>
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<td>Stanislav Evgenievitch DUCHKO (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>Станислав Евгеньевич Дычко Position(s): Mercenary of the Wagner Group DOB: 1990 Nationality: Russian Gender: male</td>
<td>Stanislav Dychko, a former employee of the Stavropol police, is a mercenary of the Wagner Group. Alongside three other mercenaries of the Wagner Group, he took part in the torturing to death of a Syrian deserter in June 2017 in the governorate of Homs, Syria. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights abuses in Syria.</td>
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<td>Valery (Valeriy) Nikolaevich ZAKHAROV (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>Валерий Николаевич Захаров Position(s): Security counsellor to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR) Wagner Group ID: M-5658</td>
<td>Valery Zakharov, a former member of the Russian state security (FSB), is the security counsellor to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR). He is a key figure in the Wagner Group’s command structure and keeps close links with the Russian authorities.</td>
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DOB: 12.1.1970
POB: Leningrad, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation)
Nationality: Russian
Gender: male

Given his influential position in CAR and his leading role in the Wagner Group, he is responsible for serious human rights abuses committed by the Wagner Group in CAR, which include extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings.
This includes the murder of three Russian journalists in 2018, the security of whom was under the responsibility of Valery Zakharov.

2. The following entry is added to the list of legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Section B ('Legal persons, entities and bodies') in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999:

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<td>Wagner Group a.k.a. Wagner Group</td>
<td>Группа Вагнера (Russian spelling)</td>
<td>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 Yevgeny 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 is responsible for serious human rights abuses in Ukraine, Syria, Libya, the Central African Republic (CAR), Sudan and Mozambique, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings.</td>
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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2198
of 13 December 2021
implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 of 31 July 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya, and repealing Decision 2011/137/CFSP (1), and in particular Article 12(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 31 July 2015, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

(2) On 14 October 2020, the Council adopted Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/1483 (2), which designated one person involved in acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Libya, and who has close links, including financially, to the Wagner Group.

(3) In its conclusions of 24 and 25 June 2021, the European Council confirmed its commitment to Libya’s stabilisation process under the auspices of the United Nations, and called for progress on the inclusive and Libyan-owned political dialogue and for the withdrawal without delay of all foreign forces and mercenaries.

(4) The Council remains concerned about the situation in Libya and in particular about acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of the country.

(5) In this context, one person involved in such acts should be added to the lists of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures set out in Annexes II and IV to Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

(6) Annexes II and IV to Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Annexes II and IV to Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 are 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 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

(1) OJ L 206, 1.8.2015, p. 34.
(1) In Annex II to Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, under the heading 'A. Persons', the following entry is added:

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<td>KUZNETSOV, Aleksandr (Alexander) Sergeevich (Александр Сергеевич КУЗНЕЦОВ)</td>
<td>Position (s): Commander of 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group Callsign: Ratibor Date of birth: 8 October 1977 Place of birth: Nikolskoye, former USSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Wagner Group ID: M-0271 Gender: male</td>
<td>Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov belongs to the command structure of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity. He took command of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group in 2014. He was injured in September 2019 in Libya while fighting alongside the Libyan National Liberation Army (NLA) as commander of the Wagner Group's military operatives. Through his position and actions, Kuznetsov is responsible for the Wagner Group's activities that threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya.</td>
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(2) In Annex IV to Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, under the heading 'A. Persons', the following entry is added:

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<td>Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov belongs to the command structure of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity. He took command of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group in 2014. He was injured in September 2019 in Libya while fighting alongside the Libyan National Liberation Army (NLA) as commander of the Wagner Group's military operatives. Through his position and actions, Kuznetsov is responsible for the Wagner Group's activities that threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya.</td>
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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2199
of 13 December 2021
implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria (1), and in particular Article 30(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 31 May 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(2) The Council remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria.

(3) The Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war efforts in Syria, in particular by training and directing Syrian forces and regime-affiliated militias.

(4) The Council considers that two persons involved in the military operations of the Wagner group in Syria, as well as three companies benefiting from and supporting the Syrian regime should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(5) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP 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, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) the following entries are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons):

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<td>'316. Andrey Nikolaevich TROSHEV (a.k.a. Andrei Mykolayevych TROSHEV) Андрей Николаевич ТРОШЕВ</td>
<td>Position(s): Retired colonel, Founding member and Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of the Wagner Group; Rank: Retired Colonel; Call sign: Siedo; Date of birth: 5.4.1953; Place of birth: Leningrad, former USSR (now Russian Federation); Nationality: Russian; Relatives/Associates: Dmitriy Utkin (Wagner Group Founder); Andrey Bogatov (Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group), Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov (Commander of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group); Gender: male</td>
<td>Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of the Wagner Group, which operates in Syria and trains and directs Syrian forces. The Wagner Group also supports the Assad regime and fights alongside regime-affiliated militias and the Syrian army. Andrey Troshev is directly involved in the military operations of the Wagner Group in Syria. He was particularly involved in the area of Deir ez-Zor. As such, he provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war effort and therefore supports and benefits from the Syrian regime.</td>
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<td>317. Andrey Mikhailovich BOGATOV (a.k.a. Andrei Mychailovych BOGATOV) Андрей Михайлович БОГАТОВ</td>
<td>Position(s): Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group; Call sign: Brodiaga; Wagner group ID: M-1601; Date of birth: 14.6.1964; Place of birth: Stary Oskol, Belgorod region, former USSR (now Russian Federation); Nationality: Russian; Relatives/Associates: Dmitriy Utkin (Wagner Group Founder); Andrey Nikolaevich Troshev (Founding member and Executive Director (Chief of Staff) of the Wagner Group), Aleksandr Sergeevich Kuznetsov (Commander of the 1st Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group); Gender: male</td>
<td>Head of the 4th Attack and Reconnaissance Company of the Wagner Group, which operates in Syria and trains and directs Syrian forces. The Wagner Group also supports the Assad regime and fights alongside regime-affiliated militias and the Syrian army. Andrey Bogatov commands the operations of the Wagner Group and is directly involved in the military operations of the Wagner Group in Syria. He was particularly involved in the battle of Palmyra. As such, he provides a crucial contribution to Bashar al-Assad’s war effort and therefore supports and benefits from the Syrian regime.</td>
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The following entries are added to the list set out in Section B (entities):

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<td>Velada LLC</td>
<td>Address: Ochakovskoye Shosse, Dom 28, Building 2, Local 3, Room 8, Moscow, 119530, Russian Federation; Date of creation: 29.6.2015</td>
<td>Velada LLC is a private company that is involved in the oil and gas sector in Syria. In December 2019, the Syrian parliament approved a contract granting Velada LLC the right to develop oil and gas in Syria, including in oilfields in the regime-controlled areas in Northeast Syria and a gas field north of Damascus. Thus, it benefits from or supports the Syrian regime.</td>
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<td>80</td>
<td>Mercury LLC</td>
<td>Address: Leninsky Prospekt, Dom 137, Building 1, Local 2, Room 5, Moscow, Russian Federation</td>
<td>Mercury LLC is a private company involved in the oil and gas sector in Syria. In December 2019, the Syrian parliament approved a contract granting Mercury LLC the right to develop oil and gas in Syria, including in oilfields in the regime-controlled areas in Northeast Syria and a gas field in the north of Damascus. Thus, it benefits from or supports the Syrian regime.</td>
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<td>81</td>
<td>Evro Polis LLC</td>
<td>Address: Ulitsa BratevGozozankinykh, Dom 2B, Pomeschenie 3.1., Krasnogorsk, 143409, Russian Federation; Relatives/Associates: General Petroleum Corp.</td>
<td>Evro Polis LLC is a private company linked to the Wagner Group in Syria, involved in the mining, oil and gas sectors in Syria. Evro Polis LLC is used as a front for the Wagner Group in Syria. It has signed a number of contracts with the Syrian regime, through the state-owned General Petroleum Corp., under which it receives 25% of the proceeds from the production of oil and gas in fields captured by the Wagner Group. Thus, it benefits from or supports the Syrian regime.</td>
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