

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2016/1961

of 8 November 2016

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 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of 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.
- (2) Following the organisation by the Russian Federation of State Duma elections in the illegally annexed Crimea and Sevastopol, the Council considers that six persons should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
- (3) The Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP should 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 day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 8 November 2016.

For the Council
The President
P. KAŽIMÍR

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16.

ANNEX

List of persons referred to in Article 1

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
152.	Ruslan Ismailovich BALBEK Руслан Исмаилович Бальбек	DOB: 28.8.1977 POB: Bekabad, Uzbekistan SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Deputy Chairperson of the Duma Committee on ethnic affairs. In 2014 Balbek was appointed as a Deputy Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the so-called "Republic of Crimea" and worked in this capacity for the integration of the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula into the Russian Federation, for which he has been awarded with a medal "For the Defence of Republic of Crimea". He has supported the annexation of Crimea in public statements, including on his profile on the United Russia (Crimean branch) website and a press article published on NTV website on 3 July 2016.	9.11.2016
153.	Konstantin Mikhailovich BAKHAREV Константин Михайлович Бахарев	DOB: 20.10.1972 POB: Simferopol Ukrainian SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Member of the Duma Committee on Financial Markets. In March 2014 Bakharev was appointed as a Deputy Chairperson of the State Council of the so-called "Republic of Crimea", and in August 2014 as First Deputy Chairperson of that body. He has admitted his personal involvement in the events of 2014 that led to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, which he has publicly supported, including in an interview published on gazetakrimea.ru website on 22 March 2016 and c-pravda.ru website on 23 August 2016. He has been awarded with the order "For loyalty to duty" by the "authorities" of "Republic of Crimea".	9.11.2016
154.	Dmitry Anatolievich BELIK Дмитрий Анатольевич Белик	DOB: 17.10.1969 POB: Kular Ust-Yansky District, Yakut Autonomous SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed city of Sevastopol. Member of the Duma Committee on Taxation. As a member of the Sevastopol municipal administration in February-March 2014 he supported the activities of the so called "People's Mayor" Alexei Chaliy. He has publicly admitted his involvement in the events of 2014 that led to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, which he has publicly defended, including on his personal website and in an interview published on 21 February 2016 on nation-news.ru website. For his involvement in the annexation process he has been awarded with Russian state order "For duties to the motherland" — II degree.	9.11.2016

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155.	Andrei Dmitrievich KOZENKO Андрей Дмитриевич Козенко	DOB: 3.8.1981 POB: Simferopol Ukrainian SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Member of Duma Committee on Financial Markets. In March 2014 Kozenko was appointed as a Deputy Chairperson of the State Council of the so-called "Republic of Crimea". He has publicly admitted his involvement in the events of 2014 that led to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, which he has publicly defended, including in an interview published on gazetacrimea.ru website on 12 March 2016. For his involvement in the annexation process he has been awarded with a medal "For the defence of Republic of Crimea" by the local "authorities".	9.11.2016
156.	Svetlana Borisovna SAVCHENKO Светлана Борисовна Савченко	DOB: 24.6.1965 POB: Belogorsk Ukrainian SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Member of the Duma Committee on Culture. She has been a member of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea since 2012 and as of March 2014 supported the integration of the illegally annexed Crimea and Sevastopol into the Russian Federation. In September 2014 Savchenko was elected to the State Council of the so-called "Republic of Crimea". She has defended the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol on numerous occasions in public statements, including interviews published on c-pravda.ru website on 2 April 2016 and 20 August 2016. She has been awarded with Russian state order "For duties to the motherland" — II degree in 2014 and with the order "For loyalty to duty" by the "authorities" of "Republic of Crimea" in 2015.	9.11.2016
157.	Pavel Valentinovich SHPEROV Павел Валентинович Шперов	DOB: 4.7.1971 POB: Simferopol Ukrainian SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Member of the Duma Committee on Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Affairs, Eurasian Integration and links with compatriots. In September 2014 Shperov was elected to the State Council of the so-called "Republic of Crimea". He has publicly admitted, including in an interview published on ldpr-rk.ru website on 3 September 2016, his role in the events of 2014 that led to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol and in particular his role in the organisation of the illegal referendum on the illegal annexation of the peninsula.	9.11.2016