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(Non-legislative acts)

## REGULATIONS

## COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1578

of 29 October 2020

**implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 of 1 October 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 13(4) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 1 October 2015, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2015/1755.
- (2) On the basis of a review by the Council, the information concerning two natural persons in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 should be amended.
- (3) Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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, 29 October 2020.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 257, 2.10.2015, p. 1.

## ANNEX

In Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2015/1755, entries 1 and 2 under the heading 'List of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 2' are replaced by the following:

	Name	Identifying information	Grounds for designation
1.	Godefroid BIZIMANA	Gender: Male DOB: 23.4.1968 POB: Nyagaseke, Mabayi, Cibitoke Burundian nationality. Passport number: DP0001520	"Chargé de missions de la Présidence" and former Deputy Director-General of the National Police. On 31 December 2019, Mr Bizimana was promoted to the rank of Chief Police Commissioner. Responsible for undermining democracy by making operational decisions that have led to a disproportionate use of force and acts of violent repression towards peaceful demonstrations that started on 26 April 2015 following the announcement of the presidential candidacy of President Nkurunziza.
2.	Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA alias NDAKUGARIKA	Gender: Male DOB: 1.8.1970 Burundian nationality. Passport number: DP0000761	Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security as of June 2020. Former head of Cabinet of the Presidential Administration (Présidence) responsible for matters relating to the National Police between May 2013 and November 2019, and former Director-General of the National Intelligence Service between November 2019 and June 2020. Responsible for obstructing the search for a political solution in Burundi by issuing instructions that led to a disproportionate use of force, acts of violence, acts of repression and violations of international human rights law against protestors demonstrating from 26 April 2015 onwards, following the announcement of the presidential candidacy of President Nkurunziza, including on 26, 27 and 28 April 2015 in the Nyakabiga and Musaga districts of Bujumbura.'