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## II

(Non-legislative acts)

## REGULATIONS

## COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1563

of 28 July 2023

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>, 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:

- (1) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- (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 the Union's resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the United Nations Charter. The European Council also reiterated that the Union remains committed to maintaining and increasing collective pressure on Russia, including through possible further restrictive measures. The European Council also stated that the Union will intensify its work with partners to counter false Russian narratives and disinformation about the war.
- (4) In the context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Russian actors have conducted a digital information manipulation campaign named 'RRN' (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and disseminating propaganda in support of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. That campaign, in which government bodies or bodies affiliated to the Russian State have participated, relies on fake web pages usurping the identity of national media outlets and government websites as well as fake accounts on social media.
- (5) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that seven persons and five entities responsible for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- (6) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 6.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 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, 28 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. NAVARRO RÍOS

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## ANNEX

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

## Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
1578.	Timofey Vladimirovitch VASSILIEV Тимофей Владимирович ВАСИЛЬЕВ A.k.a. Timofey VI Тимофей ВИ	Function: Head of the Department for strategic guidance of ANO Dialog POB: Moscow, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Timofey Vassiliev is the Head of the Department for strategic guidance of ANO Dialog, a Russian non-profit organisation created by the Moscow Department of Information and Technology (DIT) in 2019 and linked to the presidential administration, which has been disseminating online propaganda about the illegally annexed territories in Ukraine. Timofey Vassiliev, runs the popular “fact-checking” Telegram account and subsequent domains “War on Fakes” which spread disinformation about the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, Timofey Vassiliev is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1579.	Ilya Andreïevitch GAMBACHIDZE Илья Андреевич ГАМБАЧИДЗЕ	Function: Founder of Structura National Technologies and Social Design Agency Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Ilya Gambachidze is the founder of Structura National Technologies and Social Design Agency, two Russian entities involved in the Russian-led digital disinformation campaign “RRN” (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and sharing disinformation in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Ilya Gambachidze formerly worked as a counsellor to the Vice-President of the Duma, Piotr Tolstoi. Structura National Technologies and Social Design Agency has been identified as the key actor of the campaign, responsible for the creation of fake websites impersonating government organisations and legitimate media in Europe (primarily Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and for boosting the pro-Russian “RRN” campaign on social media. Therefore, Ilya Gambachidze is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
1580.	Aleksandr Gennad'yevich STARUNSKY Александр Геннадьевич СТАРУНСКИЙ	Function: Founder of the Institute of the Russian Diaspora DOB: 12.6.1970 Gender: male TIN: 771989171763	Aleksandr Starunsky is a Russian military intelligence officer and former commander of GRU PsyOps unit 54777. He is a founder of the Institute of the Russian Diaspora, a GRU front organisation and an integral part of the media organisation Inforos. The Institute of the Russian Diaspora owns an online media presence called russkie.org which disseminates Russian disinformation and propaganda about the war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, Aleksandr Starunsky is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1581.	Anastasia Sergeevna KIRILLOVA Анастасия Сергеевна КИРИЛЛОВА	Function: General Director of Inforos DOB: 13.12.1986 Gender: female TIN: 771674318370	Anastasia Kirillova is a founder and General Director of Inforos, an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. Therefore, Anastasia Kirillova is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1582.	Nina Viktorovna DOROKHOVA Нина Викторовна ДОРОХОВА	Function: General Director of Inforos DOB: 20.11.1965 Gender: female TIN: 505202442068	Nina Dorokhova is a founder and General Director of Inforos, an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. Therefore, Nina Dorokhova is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
1583.	Sergey Yurievich PANTELEYEV a.k.a. PANTELEEV Сергей Юрьевич ПАНТЕЛЕЕВ	Function: Intelligence officer in GRU unit 54777 DOB: 15.3.1972 POB: Lugansk, Ukraine Gender: male TIN: 772916129659	Sergey Panteleyev is a member of GRU unit 54777 and founder of the Institute of the Russian Diaspora, a GRU front organisation and an integral part of Inforos's online disinformation network. The Institute of the Russian Diaspora owns an online media presence called russkie.org which disseminates Russian disinformation and propaganda about the war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, Sergey Panteleyev is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1584.	Denis Valerievich TYURIN Денис Валерьевич ТЮРИН	Function: GRU officer DOB: 1.4.1976 POB: Moscow Gender: male TIN: 772807385405	Denis Tyurin is a GRU intelligence officer and founder of Inforos, an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. Therefore, Denis Tyurin is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023'

Entities

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'245.	Social Design Agency a.k.a. “Agentsvo Sotsialnogo Proektirovania aka ASP”	Address: Moscow Bolshoy Kislovsky per, 1, building 2 Type of entity: Technology and Information Company Place of registration: Russia Date of registration: established 2001 Principal place of business: Russia	Social Design Agency is a Russian IT company closely linked to Russian political power. Since 2022, it has been involved in the Russian-led digital disinformation campaign “RRN” (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and sharing disinformation in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Social Design Agency has been identified as a key actor of the campaign, responsible for the creation of fake websites impersonating government organisations and legitimate media in Europe (primarily Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and for boosting the pro-Russian “RRN” campaign on social media. Therefore, Social Design Agency is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
246.	Structura National Technologies a.k.a. “Struktura” Russian: OOO “TK CTPYKTYPA”	Address: Moscow municipal district Arbat per Bolshoy Kislovskii 1 building 2 premises/room. i/42 Type of entity: Technology and Information Company. Place of registration: Russia Date of registration: established 2009 Registration number: TIN 7703438908 Principal place of business: Russia	Structura National Technologies is a Russian IT company closely linked to Russian political power. Since 2022, it has been involved in the Russian-led digital disinformation campaign “RRN” (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and sharing disinformation in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Structura National Technologies has been identified as a key actor of the campaign, responsible for the creation of fake websites impersonating government organisations and legitimate media in Europe (primarily Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and for boosting the pro-Russian “RRN” campaign on social media. Therefore, Structura National Technologies is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023



	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
247.	ANO Dialog АНО Диалог	Address:119021, st. Timura Frunze, d.11, p.1, BC Demidov, Moscow Type of entity: Autonomous non-profit organisation Place of registration: Russia Date of registration: 2019 Registration number: TIN 9709056472 Principal place of business: Russia	ANO Dialog is a Russian non-profit organisation created by the Moscow Department of Information and Technology (DIT) in 2019 and closely linked to the presidential administration. It is headed by Alexey Goreslavsky, former deputy head of the President's Department for Public Projects (OPS). ANO Dialog has been disseminating online propaganda about the illegally annexed territories in Ukraine. ANO Dialog provides instructions to the Readovka Telegram channel that publishes disinformation about the war of aggression against Ukraine in support of the Kremlin's propaganda. ANO Dialog is linked to the popular "fact-checking" Telegram account and subsequent domains "War on Fakes", run by ANO's Head of Strategic Areas Development of ANO Dialog, Timofey Vasiliev, that disseminates fake news and propaganda about the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, ANO Dialog is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
248.	Inforos ООО ИА ООО ИА ИНФОРС	Address: 117218, MOSCOW, Intracity territory of the city of federal significance municipal district academic, 13 Krzhizhanovskogo str., k. 2, office 511 Type of entity: Media organisation Place of registration: Moscow Date of registration: 2/6/2003 TIN: 7727214569 Principal place of business: Moscow	Inforos is an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. The propaganda disseminated by Inforos and its various proxy outlets aims to propagate the idea of Ukraine as a "Nazi state" and to falsely paint the war of Russian aggression as a "proxy war" of "the west" against Russia and thus to undermine western support for Ukraine. Therefore, Inforos is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
249.	Institute of the Russian Diaspora ИНСТИТУТ РУССКОГО ЗАРУБЕЖЬЯ	Address: 117218, MOSCOW CITY, str. Krzhizhanovskoy, d.13, str.2 Type of entity: "Advising on commercial activities and management" Place of registration: Moscow Date of registration: 3/11/2005 Registration number: TIN: 7727536630 Principal place of business: Moscow	The Institute of the Russian Diaspora is a GRU front organisation and an integral part of Inforos's online disinformation network. It was co-founded by Inforos-founder Denis Tyurin. Additionally, Denis Tyurin has registered the official propaganda website of the Institute himself, using an official Inforos email address. The Institute owns an online media presence called russkie.org which disseminates Russian disinformation and propaganda about the war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, the Institute of the Russian diaspora is materially supporting actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023'

**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1564****of 28 July 2023****implementing Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 of 18 July 2005 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 9(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 July 2005, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005.
- (2) Further to an evaluation of the relevant circumstances and in view of the gravity of the situation in the DRC, the Council considers that nine persons should be added to the list of natural or legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex Ia to Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005.
- (3) Annex Ia to Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex Ia to Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 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, 28 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. NAVARRO RÍOS

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 193, 23.7.2005, p. 1

## ANNEX

The following persons are added to the list of natural or legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Section A ('Persons') of Annex Ia to Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005:

## Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
'18.	Bernard Maheshe BYAMUNGU	a.k.a. Tiger One  Function/rank: Brigadier-General in M23/ARC, Deputy Commander of operations  DOB: 10/10/1974  Nationality: DRC  Gender: Male	<p>Bernard Byamungu holds a leading position in the military branch of the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23)/Armée révolutionnaire congolaise (ARC) as Brigadier-General and Deputy-Commander of operations of this non-governmental armed group operating in Eastern DRC.</p> <p>The M23/ARC sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), killings, torture, rapes and forced labour, such as a series of killings targeting civilians in the town of Kisheshe on 29 November 2022.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the M23/ARC, Bernard Byamungu is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
19.	Michel RUKUNDA	<p>a.k.a. Makanika</p> <p>Function/rank: Commander and Military leader of the armed group Twirwaneho in South Kivu</p> <p>DOB: 12/9/1974</p> <p>POB: Minembwe, South-Kivu, DRC</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Michel Rukunda is a former Colonel of the Congolese armed forces (FARDC) and the Commander and Military leader of the non-governmental armed group Twirwaneho operating in South Kivu, which claims to represent the Banyamulenge Community.</p> <p>Twirwaneho sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through the voluntary or forced child recruitment to participate actively in hostilities, attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), and killings, such as attacks against civilians in Mikenge village in November 2021 which killed at least six persons.</p> <p>In addition, Michel Rukunda has been directly involved in the military training of recruits and in the use of children, including as armed escorts.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in Twirwaneho and his direct involvement in the training and use of children, Michel Rukunda is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
20.	Charles SEMATAMA	<p>a.k.a. Sebyanya</p> <p>Function/rank: Commander, Deputy military leader of Twirwaneho</p> <p>DOB: 1975</p> <p>POB: Kalunyo village, around Kamombo localities, South Kivu, DRC</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Charles Sematama is a former officer of the Congolese armed forces (FARDC) and holds the leading position of Commander and Deputy Military leader of the non-governmental armed group Twirwaneho operating in South Kivu, which claims to represent the Banyamulenge Community.</p> <p>Twirwaneho sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through the voluntary or forced child recruitment to participate actively in hostilities, attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), and killings, such as attacks against civilians in Mikenge village in November 2021 which killed at least six persons.</p> <p>In addition, Charles Sematama has been directly involved in propaganda sessions as well as in the forced recruitment and use of children, including as armed escorts.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in Twirwaneho and his direct involvement in the forced recruitment and use of children, Charles Sematama is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
21.	Ahmad Mahmood HASSAN	<p>a.k.a. Ahmad Mahamood Hassan, Ahmad Mahmoud Hassan, Jundi, Abwakasi, Abuwakas, Murabu, Marabou, or Mwarabu</p> <p>Function/rank: ADF senior leader.</p> <p>DOB: Approximately 1993</p> <p>Nationality: Tanzanian</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Ahmad Mahmood Hassan is a senior leader of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a non-governmental armed group operating in Uganda and the Eastern DRC. He has been identified as holding key responsibilities in the ADF, including command of a camp, training of recruits, production of bombs, online outreach and rapprochement with ISIL (Da'esh).</p> <p>The ADF sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC (particularly in the Ituri and North Kivu provinces) and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through attacks against civilians, killings and abductions, such as the attacks in March 2023 in southern and south-east Beni territory killing more than 80 civilians and abducting more than 20 others.</p> <p>In addition, Ahmad Mahmood Hassan has been directly involved in the planning and conduct of ADF attacks, including a bombing in the small town of Kasindi (Beni territory) on 15 January 2023 and a bomb attack in Goma on 7 April 2022 which killed six persons and injured sixteen others.</p> <p>Owing to his senior leading position within the ADF and his direct involvement in the planning and conduct of ADF attacks, Ahmad Mahmood Hassan is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
22.	Janvier Karairi (“Karahiri”) BUINGO	<p>Function/rank: General, head of APCLS</p> <p>DOB: Approximately 1962</p> <p>Nationality: Assumed Congolese (DRC)</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Janvier Karairi holds the leading position of General and head of the Alliance des patriotes pour un Congo libre et souverain (APCLS), a non-governmental armed group operating in the North-Eastern DRC and involved in the coalition of armed groups “Alliance des résistants de la patrie” (ARP) against the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23)/Armée révolutionnaire congolaise (ARC).</p> <p>The APCLS sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through participating in operations of the coalition of armed groups ARP, such as in Kitshanga and Rubaya in January and late February 2023, killings of and attacks against civilians, notably against Congolese Tutsi’s, and grave violations committed against children such as rapes and other forms of sexual violence and abduction.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the APCLS, Janvier Karairi is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023



	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
23.	Justin Maki GESI	<p>a.k.a. Le petit loup de la montagne</p> <p>Function/rank: Commander of CODECO/Alliance pour le Développement du Congo (CODECO/ALC).</p> <p>DOB: Unknown</p> <p>Nationality: Assumed Congolese (DRC)</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Justin Maki Gesi holds a leading position as Commander of the ALC/CODECO, a non-governmental armed group operating in North-Eastern DRC (especially Ituri).</p> <p>The ALC/CODECO sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through the use of children as combatants, abductions, killings of and attacks against civilians, such as the attack on the villages of Nyamamba and Mbogi on 13 January 2023 after which more than 40 victims were found.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the CODECO/ALC, Justin Maki Gesi is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
24.	Apollinaire HAKIZIMANA	<p>a.k.a. le poète, Adonia</p> <p>Function/rank: Lieutenant-General within FDLR/Commissioner of Defense</p> <p>DOB: 1964</p> <p>Nationality: Rwanda</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Apollinaire Hakizimana is a military leader of the “Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda-Forces combattantes abacunguzi” (FDLR-FOCA), as General and Commissioner of Defense of this non-governmental armed group operating in Eastern DRC.</p> <p>The FDLR-FOCA sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through recruitment and training of combatants, killings of civilians, and grave violations committed against children such as rapes and other acts of sexual violence and abduction.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the FDLR-FOCA, Apollinaire Hakizimana is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
25.	Simon (Salomon) TOKOLONGA	<p>Function/rank: Colonel, commander of the FARDC 3411th regiment</p> <p>DOB: 17/4/1972</p> <p>POB: Kishandja (North Kivu)</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Colonel Simon Tokolonga holds a leading position in the Congolese Armed Forces (FARDC) as head of its 3411th regiment.</p> <p>Colonel Tokolonga attended a meeting in Pinga on 8 and 9 May 2022 where local armed groups, such as the Nduma défense du Congo-Rénové (NDC-R) and the Alliance des patriotes pour un Congo libre et souverain (APCLS), gathered and forged a coalition to resist the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23)/Armée révolutionnaire congolaise (ARC) (coalition “Alliance des résistants de la patrie” – ARP). The presence of Colonel Tokolonga has revealed the cooperation of some FARDC members with this coalition.</p> <p>In addition, members of the 3411th regiment of the FARDC have supplied weapons and ammunitions to armed groups operating in the DRC, including the provision of more than a dozen boxes of ammunition to FDLR (“Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda”) fighters in Kazaroho in July 2022. Colonel Tokolonga has reportedly coordinated several weapons supplies to armed groups operating against M23/ARC.</p> <p>The non-governmental armed groups part of the ARP coalition, including the NDC-R, APCLS and FDLR, sustain the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, and are responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through recruitment and training of combatants, participation in operations against M23/ARC, attacks against civilians, killings, and grave violations committed against children such as rapes and other forms of sexual violence and abduction.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the 3411th regiment of the FARDC and his coordinating role in weapons supplies, Simon Tokolonga is therefore responsible for providing support to armed groups sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, including by providing them with arms and ammunitions.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
26.	Jean Pierre NIRAGIRE	<p>a.k.a. Jean-Pierre, Gasasira</p> <p>Function/rank: Captain. Commander of the Rwandese Defence Forces (RDF) Special Forces Unit active in Northern Kivu.</p> <p>Nationality: Rwanda</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Captain Jean-Pierre Niragire holds the leading position of commander of the Rwanda Defense Forces (RDF) special forces deployed in the North Kivu region of the DRC from May 2022 onward.</p> <p>The objective of the RDF military actions on the DRC territory has been to reinforce the March 23 Movement/Congolese Revolutionary Army (M23/ARC), a non-governmental armed group operating in Eastern DRC, in particular by providing it with troops and materiel.</p> <p>The M23/ARC sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), killings, torture, rapes and forced labour, such as a series of killings targeting civilians in the town of Kisheshe on 29 November 2022.</p> <p>As commander of the RDF special forces deployed in the North Kivu region, Jean Pierre Niragire is therefore responsible for providing support to the armed group M23/ARC, which sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, in particular by providing it with troops and materiel.</p>	28.7.2023'

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2023/1565****of 28 July 2023****amending Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1568 of 28 July 2023 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>(1)</sup>,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> gives effect to Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP <sup>(3)</sup> and provides for certain measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), including freezing their assets.
- (2) In view of the gravity of the situation in the DRC, Decision (CFSP) 2023/1568 amends the criteria of Union autonomous listings to allow for the application of targeted restrictive measures against natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that provide support to any natural or legal person, entity or body responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability or insecurity in the DRC.
- (3) Regulatory action at the Union level is therefore necessary to give effect to Decision (CFSP) 2023/1568 in particular with a view to ensure uniform application by economic operators in all Member States.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Article 2b(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005, point (d) is replaced by the following:

‘(d) providing support to natural or legal persons, entities or bodies responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability or insecurity in the DRC.’.

*Article 2*

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

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<sup>(1)</sup> See page 37 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 of 18 July 2005 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (OJ L 193, 23.7.2005, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP of 20 December 2010 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (OJ L 336, 21.12.2010, p. 30).

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

Done at Brussels, 28 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. NAVARRO RÍOS

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# DECISIONS

## COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1566

of 28 July 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 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (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 the Union's resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the United Nations Charter. The European Council also reiterated that the Union remains committed to maintaining and increasing collective pressure on Russia, including through possible further restrictive measures. The European Council also stated that the Union will intensify its work with partners to counter false Russian narratives and disinformation about the war.
- (4) In the context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, Russian actors have conducted a digital information manipulation campaign named 'RRN' (Recent Reliable News), aiming at manipulating information and disseminating propaganda in support of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. That campaign, in which government bodies or bodies affiliated to the Russian State have participated, relies on fake web pages usurping the identity of national media outlets and government websites as well as fake accounts on social media.
- (5) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that seven persons and five 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.
- (6) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures.
- (7) 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.

<sup>(1)</sup> 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).

*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, 28 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. NAVARRO RÍOS

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

Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
1578.	Timofey Vladimirovitch VASSILIEV Тимофей Владимирович ВАСИЛЬЕВ A.k.a. Timofey VI Тимофей ВИ	Function: Head of the Department for strategic guidance of ANO Dialog POB: Moscow, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Timofey Vassiliev is the Head of the Department for strategic guidance of ANO Dialog, a Russian non-profit organisation created by the Moscow Department of Information and Technology (DIT) in 2019 and linked to the presidential administration, which has been disseminating online propaganda about the illegally annexed territories in Ukraine. Timofey Vassiliev, runs the popular “fact-checking” Telegram account and subsequent domains “War on Fakes” which spread disinformation about the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, Timofey Vassiliev is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1579.	Ilya Andreïevitch GAMBACHIDZE Илья Андреевич ГАМБАЧИДЗЕ	Function: Founder of Structura National Technologies and Social Design Agency Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Ilya Gambachidze is the founder of Structura National Technologies and Social Design Agency, two Russian entities involved in the Russian-led digital disinformation campaign “RRN” (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and sharing disinformation in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Ilya Gambachidze formerly worked as a counsellor to the Vice-President of the Duma, Piotr Tolstoi. Structura National Technologies and Social Design Agency has been identified as the key actor of the campaign, responsible for the creation of fake websites impersonating government organisations and legitimate media in Europe (primarily Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and for boosting the pro-Russian “RRN” campaign on social media. Therefore, Ilya Gambachidze is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1580.	Aleksandr Gennad'yevich STARUNSKY Александр Геннадьевич СТАРУНСКИЙ	Function: Founder of the Institute of the Russian Diaspora DOB: 12.6.1970 Gender: male TIN: 771989171763	Aleksandr Starunsky is a Russian military intelligence officer and former commander of GRU PsyOps unit 54777. He is a founder of the Institute of the Russian Diaspora, a GRU front organisation and an integral part of the media organisation Inforos. The Institute of the Russian Diaspora owns an online media presence called russkie.org which disseminates Russian disinformation and propaganda about the war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, Aleksandr Starunsky is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
1581.	Anastasia Sergeevna KIRILLOVA Анастасия Сергеевна КИРИЛЛОВА	Function: General Director of Inforos DOB: 13.12.1986 Gender: female TIN: 771674318370	Anastasia Kirillova is a founder and General Director of Inforos, an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. Therefore, Anastasia Kirillova is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1582.	Nina Viktorovna DOROKHOVA Нина Викторовна ДОРОХОВА	Function: General Director of Inforos DOB: 20.11.1965 Gender: female TIN: 505202442068	Nina Dorokhova is a founder and General Director of Inforos, an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. Therefore, Nina Dorokhova is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1583.	Sergey Yurievich PANTELEYEV a.k.a. PANTELEEV Сергей Юрьевич ПАНТЕЛЕЕВ	Function: Intelligence officer in GRU unit 54777 DOB: 15.3.1972 POB: Lugansk, Ukraine Gender: male TIN: 772916129659	Sergey Panteleyev is a member of GRU unit 54777 and founder of the Institute of the Russian Diaspora, a GRU front organisation and an integral part of Inforos's online disinformation network. The Institute of the Russian Diaspora owns an online media presence called russkie.org which disseminates Russian disinformation and propaganda about the war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, Sergey Panteleyev is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
1584.	Denis Valerievich TYURIN Денис Валерьевич ТЮРИН	Function: GRU officer DOB: 1.4.1976 POB: Moscow Gender: male TIN: 772807385405	Denis Tyurin is a GRU intelligence officer and founder of Inforos, an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations. Therefore, Denis Tyurin is responsible for supporting and implementing actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023'

Entities

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
245.	Social Design Agency a.k.a. “Agentsvo Sotsialnogo Proektirovania aka ASP”	Address: Moscow Bolshoy Kislovsky per, 1, building 2 Type of entity: Technology and Information Company Place of registration: Russia Date of registration: established 2001 Principal place of business: Russia	Social Design Agency is a Russian IT company closely linked to Russian political power. Since 2022, it has been involved in the Russian-led digital disinformation campaign “RRN” (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and sharing disinformation in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Social Design Agency has been identified as a key actor of the campaign, responsible for the creation of fake websites impersonating government organisations and legitimate media in Europe (primarily Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and for boosting the pro-Russian “RRN” campaign on social media. Therefore, Social Design Agency is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
246.	Structura National Technologies a.k.a. “Struktura” Russian: OOO “TK CTPYKTYPA”	Address: Moscow municipal district Arbat per Bolshoy Kislovskii 1 building 2 premises/room. i/42 Type of entity: Technology and Information Company. Place of registration: Russia Date of registration: established 2009 Registration number: TIN 7703438908 Principal place of business: Russia	Structura National Technologies is a Russian IT company closely linked to Russian political power. Since 2022, it has been involved in the Russian-led digital disinformation campaign “RRN” (Recent Reliable News) aiming at manipulating information and sharing disinformation in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Structura National Technologies has been identified as a key actor of the campaign, responsible for the creation of fake websites impersonating government organisations and legitimate media in Europe (primarily Germany, France, Italy, Ukraine and the United Kingdom) and for boosting the pro-Russian “RRN” campaign on social media. Therefore, Structura National Technologies is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
247.	ANO Dialog АНО Диалог	Address: 119021, st. Timura Frunze, d.11, p. 1, BC Demidov, Moscow Type of entity: Autonomous non-profit organisation Place of registration: Russia Date of registration: 2019 Registration number: TIN 9709056472 Principal place of business: Russia	ANO Dialog is a Russian non-profit organisation created by the Moscow Department of Information and Technology (DIT) in 2019 and closely linked to the presidential administration. It is headed by Alexey Goreslavsky, former deputy head of the President's Department for Public Projects (OPS). ANO Dialog has been disseminating online propaganda about the illegally annexed territories in Ukraine. ANO Dialog provides instructions to the Readovka Telegram channel that publishes disinformation about the war of aggression against Ukraine in support of the Kremlin's propaganda. ANO Dialog is linked to the popular "fact-checking" Telegram account and subsequent domains "War on Fakes", run by ANO's Head of Strategic Areas Development of ANO Dialog, Timofey Vasiliev, that disseminates fake news and propaganda about the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, ANO Dialog is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023
248.	Inforos ООО ИА ООО ИА ИНФОРΟΣ	Address: 117218, MOSCOW, Intracity territory of the city of federal significance municipal district academic, 13 Krzhizhanovskogo str., k. 2, office 511 Type of entity: Media organisation Place of registration: Moscow Date of registration: 2/6/2003 TIN: 7727214569 Principal place of business: Moscow	Inforos is an online news agency responsible for setting up more than 270 media proxy online news outlets that disseminate propaganda in support of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. It is a front organisation for Unit 54777 of the Russian military intelligence service GRU, responsible for psychological operations.  The propaganda disseminated by Inforos and its various proxy outlets aims to propagate the idea of Ukraine as a "Nazi state" and to falsely paint the war of Russian aggression as a "proxy war" of "the west" against Russia and thus to undermine western support for Ukraine. Therefore, Inforos is materially supporting actions which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
249.	Institute of the Russian Diaspora ИНСТИТУТ РУССКОГО ЗАРУБЕЖЬЯ	Address: 117218, MOSCOW CITY, str. Krzhizhanovskoy, d.13, str.2 Type of entity: “Advising on commercial activities and management” Place of registration: Moscow Date of registration: 3/11/2005 Registration number: TIN: 7727536630 Principal place of business: Moscow	The Institute of the Russian Diaspora is a GRU front organisation and an integral part of Inforos's online disinformation network. It was co-founded by Inforos-founder Denis Tyurin. Additionally, Denis Tyurin has registered the official propaganda website of the Institute himself, using an official Inforos email address. The Institute owns an online media presence called russkie.org which disseminates Russian disinformation and propaganda about the war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, the Institute of the Russian diaspora is materially supporting actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.	28.7.2023'

**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1567****of 28 July 2023****implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

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 2010/788/CFSP of 20 December 2010 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 December 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/788/CFSP.
- (2) On 12 December 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 <sup>(2)</sup> in response to the obstruction of the electoral process and the related human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 amended Decision 2010/788/CFSP and introduced additional restrictive measures.
- (3) Further to an evaluation of the relevant circumstances and in view of the gravity of the situation in DRC, the Council considers that nine persons should be added to the list of natural or legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex II to Decision 2010/788/CFSP.
- (4) Decision 2010/788/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Annex II to Decision 2010/788/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, 28 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. NAVARRO RÍOS

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 336, 21.12.2010, p. 30.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 of 12 December 2016 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (OJ L 336 I, 12.12.2016, p. 7).

## ANNEX

The following persons are added to the list of natural or legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Section A ('Persons') of Annex II to Decision 2010/788/CFSP:

## Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
'18.	Bernard Maheshe BYAMUNGU	<p>a.k.a. Tiger One</p> <p>Function/rank: Brigadier-General in M23/ARC, Deputy Commander of operations</p> <p>DOB: 10.10.1974</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Bernard Byamungu holds a leading position in the military branch of the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23)/Armée révolutionnaire congolaise (ARC) as Brigadier-General and Deputy-Commander of operations of this non-governmental armed group operating in Eastern DRC.</p> <p>The M23/ARC sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), killings, torture, rapes and forced labour, such as a series of killings targeting civilians in the town of Kisheshe on 29 November 2022.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the M23/ARC, Bernard Byamungu is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
19.	Michel RUKUNDA	<p>a.k.a. Makanika</p> <p>Function/rank: Commander and Military leader of the armed group Twirwaneho in South Kivu</p> <p>DOB: 12.9.1974</p> <p>POB: Minembwe, South-Kivu, DRC</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Michel Rukunda is a former Colonel of the Congolese armed forces (FARDC) and the Commander and Military leader of the non-governmental armed group Twirwaneho operating in South Kivu, which claims to represent the Banyamulenge Community.</p> <p>Twirwaneho sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through the voluntary or forced child recruitment to participate actively in hostilities, attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), and killings, such as attacks against civilians in Mikenge village in November 2021 which killed at least six persons.</p> <p>In addition, Michel Rukunda has been directly involved in the military training of recruits and in the use of children, including as armed escorts.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in Twirwaneho and his direct involvement in the training and use of children, Michel Rukunda is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023



	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
20.	Charles SEMATAMA	<p>a.k.a. Sebyanya</p> <p>Function/rank: Commander, Deputy military leader of Twirwaneho</p> <p>DOB: 1975</p> <p>POB: Kalunyo village, around Kamombo localities, South Kivu, DRC</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Charles Sematama is a former officer of the Congolese armed forces (FARDC) and holds the leading position of Commander and Deputy Military leader of the non-governmental armed group Twirwaneho operating in South Kivu, which claims to represent the Banyamulenge Community.</p> <p>Twirwaneho sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through the voluntary or forced child recruitment to participate actively in hostilities, attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), and killings, such as attacks against civilians in Mikenge village in November 2021 which killed at least six persons.</p> <p>In addition, Charles Sematama has been directly involved in propaganda sessions as well as in the forced recruitment and use of children, including as armed escorts.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in Twirwaneho and his direct involvement in the forced recruitment and use of children, Charles Sematama is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
21.	Ahmad Mahmood HASSAN	<p>a.k.a. Ahmad Mahamood Hassan, Ahmad Mahmoud Hassan, Jundi, Abwakasi, Abuwakas, Murabu, Marabou, or Mwarabu</p> <p>Function/rank: ADF senior leader.</p> <p>DOB: Approximately 1993</p> <p>Nationality: Tanzanian</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Ahmad Mahmood Hassan is a senior leader of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a non-governmental armed group operating in Uganda and the Eastern DRC. He has been identified as holding key responsibilities in the ADF, including command of a camp, training of recruits, production of bombs, online outreach and rapprochement with ISIL (Da'esh).</p> <p>The ADF sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC (particularly in the Ituri and North Kivu provinces) and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through attacks against civilians, killings and abductions, such as the attacks in March 2023 in southern and south-east Beni territory killing more than 80 civilians and abducting more than 20 others.</p> <p>In addition, Ahmad Mahmood Hassan has been directly involved in the planning and conduct of ADF attacks, including a bombing in the small town of Kasindi (Beni territory) on 15 January 2023 and a bomb attack in Goma on 7 April 2022 which killed six persons and injured sixteen others.</p> <p>Owing to his senior leading position within the ADF and his direct involvement in the planning and conduct of ADF attacks, Ahmad Mahmood Hassan is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
22.	Janvier Karairi (“Karahiri”) BUINGO	Function/rank: General, head of APCLS DOB: Approximately 1962 Nationality: Assumed Congolese (DRC) Gender: Male	<p>Janvier Karairi holds the leading position of General and head of the Alliance des patriotes pour un Congo libre et souverain (APCLS), a non-governmental armed group operating in the North-Eastern DRC and involved in the coalition of armed groups “Alliance des résistants de la patrie” (ARP) against the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23)/Armée révolutionnaire congolaise (ARC).</p> <p>The APCLS sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through participating in operations of the coalition of armed groups ARP, such as in Kitshanga and Rubaya in January and late February 2023, killings of and attacks against civilians, notably against Congolese Tutsi’s, and grave violations committed against children such as rapes and other forms of sexual violence and abduction.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the APCLS, Janvier Karairi is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
23.	Justin Maki GESI	<p>a.k.a. Le petit loup de la montagne</p> <p>Function/rank: Commander of CODECO/Alliance pour le Développement du Congo (CODECO/ALC).</p> <p>DOB: Unknown</p> <p>Nationality: Assumed Congolese (DRC)</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Justin Maki Gesi holds a leading position as Commander of the ALC/CODECO, a non-governmental armed group operating in North-Eastern DRC (especially Ituri).</p> <p>The ALC/CODECO sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through the use of children as combatants, abductions, killings of and attacks against civilians, such as the attack on the villages of Nyamamba and Mbogi on 13 January 2023 after which more than 40 victims were found.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the CODECO/ALC, Justin Maki Gesi is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023
24.	Apollinaire HAKIZIMANA	<p>a.k.a. le poète, Adonia</p> <p>Function/rank: Lieutenant-General within FDLR/Commissioner of Defense</p> <p>DOB: 1964</p> <p>Nationality: Rwanda</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Apollinaire Hakizimana is a military leader of the “Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda-Forces combattantes abacunguzi” (FDLR-FOCA), as General and Commissioner of Defense of this non-governmental armed group operating in Eastern DRC.</p> <p>The FDLR-FOCA sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through recruitment and training of combatants, killings of civilians, and grave violations committed against children such as rapes and other acts of sexual violence and abduction.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the FDLR-FOCA, Apollinaire Hakizimana is therefore involved in planning, directing or committing acts that constitute serious human rights violations or abuses in the DRC. He is also responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
25.	Simon (Salomon) TOKOLONGA	<p>Function/rank: Colonel, commander of the FARDC 3411th regiment</p> <p>DOB: 17.4.1972</p> <p>POB: Kishandja (North Kivu)</p> <p>Nationality: DRC</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Colonel Simon Tokolonga holds a leading position in the Congolese Armed Forces (FARDC) as head of its 3411th regiment.</p> <p>Colonel Tokolonga attended a meeting in Pinga on 8 and 9 May 2022 where local armed groups, such as the Nduma défense du Congo-Rénové (NDC-R) and the Alliance des patriotes pour un Congo libre et souverain (APCLS), gathered and forged a coalition to resist the Mouvement du 23 mars (M23)/Armée révolutionnaire congolaise (ARC) (coalition “Alliance des résistants de la patrie” – ARP). The presence of Colonel Tokolonga has revealed the cooperation of some FARDC members with this coalition.</p> <p>In addition, members of the 3411th regiment of the FARDC have supplied weapons and ammunitions to armed groups operating in the DRC, including the provision of more than a dozen boxes of ammunition to FDLR (“Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda”) fighters in Kazaroho in July 2022. Colonel Tokolonga has reportedly coordinated several weapons supplies to armed groups operating against M23/ARC.</p> <p>The non-governmental armed groups part of the ARP coalition, including the NDC-R, APCLS and FDLR, sustain the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, and are responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through recruitment and training of combatants, participation in operations against M23/ARC, attacks against civilians, killings, and grave violations committed against children such as rapes and other forms of sexual violence and abduction.</p> <p>Owing to his leading position in the 3411th regiment of the FARDC and his coordinating role in weapons supplies, Simon Tokolonga is therefore responsible for providing support to armed groups sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, including by providing them with arms and ammunitions.</p>	28.7.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
26.	Jean Pierre NIRAGIRE	<p>a.k.a. Jean-Pierre, Gasasira</p> <p>Function/rank: Captain. Commander of the Rwandese Defence Forces (RDF) Special Forces Unit active in Northern Kivu.</p> <p>Nationality: Rwanda</p> <p>Gender: Male</p>	<p>Captain Jean-Pierre Niragire holds the leading position of commander of the Rwanda Defense Forces (RDF) special forces deployed in the North Kivu region of the DRC from May 2022 onward.</p> <p>The objective of the RDF military actions on the DRC territory has been to reinforce the March 23 Movement/Congolese Revolutionary Army (M23/ARC), a non-governmental armed group operating in Eastern DRC, in particular by providing it with troops and materiel.</p> <p>The M23/ARC sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, and is responsible for serious human rights abuses in that country, in particular through attacks against civilians and the Congolese armed forces (FARDC), killings, torture, rapes and forced labour, such as a series of killings targeting civilians in the town of Kisheshe on 29 November 2022.</p> <p>As commander of the RDF special forces deployed in the North Kivu region, Jean Pierre Niragire is therefore responsible for providing support to the armed group M23/ARC, which sustains the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, in particular by providing it with troops and materiel.</p>	28.7.2023'

**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1568****of 28 July 2023****amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

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 20 December 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/788/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup>, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).
- (2) On 12 December 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 <sup>(2)</sup> in response to the obstruction of the electoral process and to human rights violations in the DRC. Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 amended Decision 2010/788/CFSP and introduced additional restrictive measures in Article 3(2) of Decision 2010/788/CFSP.
- (3) On 7 July 2023, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy issued a statement on behalf of the Union on the situation in the DRC, expressing grave concern over the worsening security and humanitarian situation and outrage over the levels of violence and atrocities that continue to be perpetrated against civilians by non-governmental armed groups.
- (4) In view of the gravity of the situation in the DRC, the Council considers that the designation criterion in Article 3(2), point (d), of Decision 2010/788/CFSP should be amended to allow for the application of targeted restrictive measures against natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that provide support to any natural or legal person, entity or body responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability or insecurity in the DRC.
- (5) Decision 2010/788/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) Further action by the Union is necessary to implement certain measures in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

In Article 3(2) of Decision 2010/788/CFSP, point (d) is replaced by the following:

‘(d) providing support to natural or legal persons, entities or bodies responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability or insecurity in the DRC;’.

*Article 2*

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

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP of 20 December 2010 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (OJ L 336, 21.12.2010, p. 30).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/2231 of 12 December 2016 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (OJ L 336 I, 12.12.2016, p. 7).

Done at Brussels, 28 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
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