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**INFORMATION NOTE**

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from: Council Legal Service  
to: COREPER (2nd part)  
Subject: Cases before the EU General Court:  
- Case T-552/12 (North Drilling Company (NDC) against the Council)

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1. By application of 24 December 2012, which was notified to the General Secretariat of the Council by the General Court of the European Union on 9 January 2013, North Drilling Company (NDC) has brought an action before the General Court pursuant to Article 263 TFEU for the annulment, so far as the applicant is concerned, of:
  - a) Article 2 of Council Decision 2012/635/CFSP of 15 October 2012 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran; and
  - b) Article 1 of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 945/2012 of 15 October 2012 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran.

2. The Applicant raises the following pleas in law:
  - Manifest error in the assessment of the facts on which the contested provisions are based;
  - Breach of the obligation to state reasons;
  - Infringement of the right to effective judicial protection;
  - Infringement of the right to property;
  - Breach of the principle of equal treatment; and
  - Misuse of powers.
3. In accordance with Article 46(1) of the General Court's Rules of Procedure, the Council has to lodge a statement of defence within two months of the date on which the application was notified to it.
4. The Director-General of the Legal Service of the Council has appointed Mr. Michael BISHOP and Mr Álvaro DE ELERA-SAN MIGUEL HURTADO, legal advisors in the said service, as the Council's agents in this case.

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