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INFORMATION NOTE

from: Council Legal Service
to: COREPER (2nd part)
Subject: Case before the EU General Court
- Case T-121/13, Oil Pension Fund Investment Company v. Council

1. By an application notified to the Council on 20 March 2013, the above-mentioned company has brought an action for the annulment, of Council Decision 2012/829/CFSP of 21 December 2012 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran¹, and of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1264/2012 of 21 December 2012 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran², insofar as these acts relate to the applicant.
2. The contested acts list "Oil Industry Pension Fund Investment Company" among the persons and entities to which certain restrictive measures on the freezing of funds and economic resources apply.

¹ OJ L 356 of 22.12.2012, p. 71.

² OJ L 356 of 22.12.2012, p. 55.

3. The applicant invokes the following grounds in support of its claims for annulment:
 - infringement of the obligation to state reasons, the applicant's rights of defence, and the right to effective judicial protection;
 - manifest error of assessment in adopting restrictive measures against the applicant and infringement of the principle of proportionality;
 - infringement of the applicant's right to property and right to conduct a business, and of the principles of equality and non-discrimination.

4. In accordance with Article 46(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court, the Council has to lodge its statement of defence within two months of receipt of the notification of the application. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Mr. Michael Bishop and Mr. Jan-Peter Hix, members of the Legal Service, as the Council's agents in this case.
