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INFORMATION NOTE

from: Council Legal Service
to: COREPER (2nd part)
Subject: Case before the EU General Court:
- Case T-74/13 (Mazen AL-TABBAA against Council of the European Union)

1. By an application notified to the Council on 15 February 2013, Mr Mazen AL-TABBAA has brought an action for annulment, pursuant to Articles 263 TFEU, against Council Decision 2012/739/CFSP of 29 November 2012 concerning restrictive measures against Syria and repealing Decision 2011/782/CFSP, and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1117/2012 of 29 November 2012 implementing Article 32 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Syria, insofar those acts concern the applicant.
2. The applicant invokes the following grounds for annulment:
 - manifest error of assessment,
 - violation of the duty to state reasons;
 - violation of the applicant's rights of defence and to effective judicial protection;
 - breach of applicant's fundamental rights, including his right to property, to conduct his business, to reputation, and to private and family life.
3. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Mr. Vincent PIESSEVAUX and Ms. Sophia KYRIAKOPOULOU, members of the Legal Service, as the Council's agents in the case.