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INFORMATION NOTE

from: Council Legal Service
to: COREPER (2nd part)
Subject: Case before the EU General Court:
- Case T-564/12 (Ministry of Energy of Iran v. Council)

1. By an application notified to the Council on 16 January 2013, the Ministry of Energy of Iran has brought an action for the annulment, pursuant to Article 263 TFEU, of Council Decision 2012/635/CFSP of 15 October 2012 and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 945/2012 of 15 October 2012 on restrictive measures against Iran.
2. The applicant invokes the following grounds in support of its application for annulment:
 - the Council made a manifest error of assessment and of fact in considering that the criteria for listing in the contested measures were fulfilled;
 - failure to give sufficient reasons for designating the applicant;
 - failure to respect the applicant's rights of defence and to effective judicial review;
 - breach of the applicant's fundamental rights, including its right to property, to carry on business, and to its reputation.
3. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Mr Michael BISHOP and Mr Alvaro DE ELERA, members of the Legal Service, as the Council's agents in this case.