



**COUNCIL OF
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INFORMATION NOTE

from: Council Legal Service
to: COREPER (2nd part)
Subject: Case before the EU General Court
- Case T-332/14, Oleksii Mykolayovych Azarov v. Council

1. By an application notified to the Council on 19 May 2014, the above-mentioned person has brought an action for the annulment of Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP of 5 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 66/26) and Council Regulation (EU) No. 208/2014 of 5 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 66/1) insofar as these acts concern the applicant. The applicant has also requested that the case be adjudicated under an expedited procedure pursuant to Article 76a of the Rules of Procedure of the General Court.
2. The contested regulations list the applicant among the persons and entities to which certain restrictive measures on the freezing of funds and economic resources apply.
3. The applicant invokes the following grounds in support of its claims for annulment:
 - infringement of the obligation to state reasons,

- infringement of the applicant's fundamental right to property, freedom to conduct a business and rights of defence as well as of the principle of proportionality,
- misuse of powers of appreciation,
- infringement of the principle of good administration,
- manifest error of assessment.

4. In accordance with Article 76a of the Rules of Procedure of the Court, the Council has to lodge its statement of defence within one month of receipt of the notification of the application. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Mr. Jan-Peter Hix and Mr Frederik Naert, members of the Legal Service, as the Council's agents in this case.
