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**INFORMATION NOTE**

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from: Council Legal Service  
to: COREPER (2nd part)

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Subject : **Case C-220 P/14 before the Court of Justice**  
- Appeal against judgment of the General Court in Case T-256/11  
(Ahmed Abdelaziz Ezz and others v. Council of the European Union)

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1. By application lodged with the Court of Justice on 5 May 2014 and notified to the Council on 8 May 2014, Mr Ahmed Abdelaziz EZZ, Mrs Abla Mohammed FAWZI ALI AHMED, Mrs Khadiga Ahmed Ahmed Kamel YASSIN and Mrs Shahinaz Abdel Azizabdel Wahab Al NAGGAR have lodged an appeal against the judgment of the General Court of the European Union of 27 February 2014, in which the Court dismissed their application for the annulment of Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt and Council Regulation (EU) No 270/2011 CFSP of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt.

2. In their appeal, the appellants submit that the General Court's findings are vitiated by several errors of law and invoke six grounds of appeal:
  - a) the General Court erred in finding that Decision 2011/172/CFSP was lawfully adopted on the basis of Article 29 TEU;
  - b) the General Court erred in finding that the ground for imposing restrictive measures against the appellants was substantiated;
  - c) the General Court erred in finding that the Council complied with its obligation to state reasons;
  - d) the General Court erred in its examination of the appellants' pleas in respect of infringement of the rights of defence and the right to effective judicial protection;
  - e) the General Court erred in finding that the interference with the appellants' property and freedom to conduct business was proportionate;
  - f) the General Court erred in finding that there was no manifest error of assessment by the Council.
3. The Council has to submit a response, in accordance with Article 172 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice, within two months of the notification of the appeal.
4. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Mr Ivan GUROV and Mr Michael BISHOP, members of the Legal Service, as the Council's agents in this case.