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INFORMATION NOTE

from: Council Legal Service
to: COREPER (2nd part)
Subject : **Case T-377/14 before the General Court**
(Ahmed Abdelaziz Ezz EU General v. Council of the European Union)

1. By an application notified to the Council on 13 June 2011, Mr. Ahmed Abdelaziz EZZ has brought an action against the Council of the European Union for the annulment of Council Decision 2014/153/PESC of 20 March 2014 amending 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.
2. Pursuant to Article 1 of Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP, the applicant is subject to a freezing of funds and economic resources belonging to, or owned, held or controlled by him, on the grounds of being subject to judicial proceedings by the Egyptian authorities in respect of the misappropriation of State funds on the basis of the United Nations Convention against corruption.

3. The applicant invokes the following grounds in support of his claim for annulment:
 - a) violation of Article 1 of Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP;
 - b) violation of Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) in conjunction with Articles 2 and 3 TEU, and Articles 47 and 48 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU;
 - c) violation of Articles 7, 16 and 17 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU;
 - d) violation of Articles 41, 47 and 48 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU; and
 - e) manifest error of assessment;
4. In accordance with Article 46 (1) of the Rules of Procedure, the Council has to lodge its statement of defence within two months of receipt of the notification of the application.
5. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Mr Michael BISHOP and Mr Ivan GUROV, members of the Legal Service, as the Council's agents in this case.
