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Declaration on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain third countries with Council Decision 2014/455/CFSP, Council Decision 2014/475/CFSP, Council Decision 2014/499/CFSP and Council Decision 2014/508/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

On 11 July 2014, the Council adopted Council Decision 2014/455/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP¹. This Decision amends the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP, adding 11 persons to the list.

On 18 July 2014, the Council adopted Council Decision 2014/475/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP². This Decision amends the listing criteria to allow for the listing of legal persons, entities or bodies that materially or financially support actions which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

On 25 July 2014, the Council adopted Council Decision 2014/499/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP³. This Decision amends the listing criteria to allow for the listing of natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that actively support, or benefit from, Russian decision-makers responsible for the annexation of Crimea or the destabilisation of Eastern Ukraine. The Decision also amends the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP, adding 15 persons and 18 entities to the list.

¹ Published on 12.7.2014 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 205, p. 22.
² Published on 19.7.2014 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 214, p. 28.
³ Published on 25.7.2014 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 221, p. 15.

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On 30 July 2014, the Council adopted Council Decision 2014/508/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP¹. This Decision amends the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP, adding 8 persons and 3 entities to the list.

The Candidate Countries Iceland⁺ and Albania^{*}, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine align themselves with these Decisions.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

¹ Published on 30.7.2014 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 226, p. 23.

⁺ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.

^{*} Albania continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.