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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: - Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
- Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 on restrictive measures against Iran
- Conclusion of the review of the list of designated persons and entities, and approval of draft letters of reply

1. On 26 July 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/413/CFSP¹ concerning restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Common Position 2007/140/CFSP. On 23 March 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 267/2012² on restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Regulation (EC) No 961/2010.
2. In accordance with Article 46(6) of Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 and Article 26(3) of Decision 2010/413/CFSP, the list of designated persons and entities in Annex IX to that Regulation and Annex II to that Decision are to be reviewed at regular intervals and at least every 12 months.

¹ OJ L 195, 27.7.2010, p. 39.

² OJ L 88, 24.3.2012, p. 1.

3. For that purpose, the persons and entities concerned are informed of the possibility of submitting a request to the Council, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include them on the above-mentioned list should be reconsidered. Following the receipt of observations submitted, the relevant working parties consider those observations.
4. After reviewing the entries on the above-mentioned list and examining all relevant new information on the designated persons and entities, including observations submitted by them, the Middle East/Gulf Working Party on 25 April 2013 agreed on the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex II to Decision 2010/413/CFSP and in Annex IX to Regulation (EU) No 267/2012.
5. On 5 March 2014, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party agreed on the text of 43 letters to be sent to listed persons and entities that submitted observations in the review process.
6. In these circumstances, COREPER is invited to recommend that the Council:
 - conclude that the restrictive measures in Decision 2010/413/CFSP and Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 should continue to apply to the persons and entities presently designated in Annex II to that Decision and Annex IX to that Regulation¹;
 - approve the draft letters of reply to be sent to the persons and entities concerned, as set out in Annex I to this note;
 - approve the notice to be published in the Official Journal ("C" Series), as set out in Annex II to this note.

¹ **NOT DISCLOSED.**

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Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP¹ and in Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012² concerning restrictive measures against Iran

The following information is brought to the attention of the persons and entities that are presently designated in Annex II to Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and in Annex IX to Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran.

The Council of the European Union, after having reviewed the list of persons and entities presently designated in the above-mentioned Annexes, has determined that the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 should continue to apply to those persons and entities.

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated on the websites in Annex X to Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 26 of the Regulation).

The persons and entities concerned may submit a request to the Council before **15 April 2014**, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include them on the above-mentioned list should be reconsidered, to the following address:

¹ OJ L 195, 27.7.2010, p. 39.

² OJ L 88, 24.3.2012, p. 1.

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