COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1496 of 20 July 2023

implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

| THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, |
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| Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, |
| Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (¹), and in particular Article 14(1) thereof, |
| Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, |
| Whereas: |
| (1) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 269/2014. |
| (2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. |
| (3) In its conclusions of 23 March 2023, the European Council reiterated its resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the UN Charter. The European Council also reiterated that the Union remains committed to maintaining and increasing collective pressure on Russia, including through possible further restrictive measures. |
| (4) Iran provides military support for Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine. In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that five individuals involved in the development and delivery of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Russia should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014. |
| (5) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly, |
| HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION: |

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

The following persons are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014:

'Persons

| | Name | Identifying information | Statement of Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|--|---|--|-----------------|
| 1573. | Hamid Reza SHARIFI TEHRANI حمید رضا شریفی تهرانی a.k.a Hamidreza SHARIFI TEHRANI | Function: Member of the Board of Directors of Qods Aviation Industries DOB: 6.7.1974 POB: Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male | Hamid Reza Sharifi Tehrani is a primary member of the Board of Directors of Qods Aviation Industries (QAI), an entity that is selling Mohajer-6 drones to Russia in order to be used in Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. In his role, he is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 20.7.2023 |
| 1574. | Ali Reza TANGSIRI علیرضا تنگسیری | Function: Commander of the IRGC Navy and chairman of the Board of Directors and member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company DOB: 27.8.1963 POB: Arvandkenar, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male | Ali Reza Tangsiri is commander of the IRGC Navy and chairman of the Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company, which has produced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force (IRGC AF) and has tested UAVs for the IRGC Navy. In particular, Paravar Pars Company was involved in the research, development and production of the Iranian Shahed-171 UAV developed by the IRGC AF. Shahed-171 UAVs produced in Iran are used by the Russian Federation in the war of aggression against Ukraine. In his role, he is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 20.7.2023 |
| 1575. | Mohsen ASADI محسن اسدی | Function: Member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company DOB: 16.9.1971 POB: Kerman, Iran Gender: male | Mohsen Asadi is a member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company, which has produced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force (IRGC AF) and has tested UAVs for the IRGC Navy. In particular, Paravar Pars Company was involved in the research, development and production of the Iranian Shahed-171 UAV developed by the IRGC AF. Shahed-171 UAVs produced in Iran are used by the Russian Federation in the war of aggression against Ukraine. In his role, he is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 20.7.2023 |

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| 1576. | Mohammad Reza MOHAMMADI محمد رضا محمدی | Function: Member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company DOB: 16.4.1971 POB: Tehran, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male | Mohammad Reza Mohammadi is a member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company, which has produced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force (IRGC AF) and has tested UAVs for the IRGC Navy. In particular, Paravar Pars Company was involved in the research, development and production of the Iranian Shahed-171 UAV developed by the IRGC AF. Shahed-171 UAVs produced in Iran are used by the Russian Federation in the war of aggression against Ukraine. In his role, he is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 20.7.2023 |
| 1577. | Mohammad Sadegh Heidari MOUSA محمد صادق حیدری موسی | Function: Member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company DOB: 24.9.1977 POB: Shahrebabak, Iran Nationality: Iranian Gender: male | Mohammad Sadegh Heidari Mousa is a member of the Board of Paravar Pars Company, which has produced Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force (IRGC AF) and has tested UAVs for the IRGC Navy. In particular, Paravar Pars Company was involved in the research, development and production of the Iranian Shahed-171 UAV developed by the IRGC AF. Shahed-171 UAVs produced in Iran are used by the Russian Federation in the war of aggression against Ukraine. In his role, he is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 20.7.2023' |

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