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**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1970**

**of 15 July 2024**

**amending Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to armed groups and entities in the Middle East and the Red Sea region**

The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 July 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) On the basis of a review of Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532, the restrictive measures set out therein should be renewed until 27 July 2025 and the entries concerning four persons and two entities listed in the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 should be updated.
- (3) Furthermore, it is appropriate to clarify the existing derogation under Article 3(8) of Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 3 is amended as follows:

- (a) paragraph 9 is replaced by the following:

'9. In the absence of a negative decision, a request for information or a notification for additional time from the competent authority within five working days of the date of receipt of a request for authorisation under paragraph 8, the authorisation shall be considered granted.'

- (b) the following paragraphs are added:

'10. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisations granted under paragraphs 8 and 9 within 2 weeks of such authorisation.

11. The prohibitions in Article 3(1) and (2) shall not apply until 27 October 2023 to obligations arising from a contract concluded before 26 July 2023, or ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such a contract.'

- (2) Article 10 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 10*

This Decision shall apply until 27 July 2025 and shall be kept under constant review. It shall be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.

The exceptions referred to in Article 3(7), (8) and (9) as regards Article 3(1) and (2) shall be reviewed at regular intervals, and at least every 12 months, or at the urgent request of any Member State, the High Representative or the Commission following a fundamental change in circumstances.'

- (3) the Annex is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532 of 20 July 2023 concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to armed groups and entities in the Middle East and the Red Sea region (OJ L 186, 25.7.2023, p. 20).

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 15 July 2024.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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ANNEX

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2023/1532, entitled ‘List of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 3’, is amended as follows:

(1) in the list entitled ‘A. Natural persons’, entries 1, 2, 3 and 6 are replaced by the following:

|     | Names (Transliteration into Latin script) | Names                            | Identifying information                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Reasons for listing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Date of listing |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| ‘1. | Hadi ZAHOURIAN                            | هادی ظهوریان<br>(Farsi spelling) | Position(s): Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shakad Sanat Asmari<br>POB: Tehran, Iran<br>Nationality: Iranian<br>Gender: Male<br>Passport number: 0055312047 (National ID)<br>Associated entities: Shakad Sanat Asmari | Hadi Zahourian is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shakad Sanat Asmari.<br>Shakad Sanat Asmari is an Iranian company that develops and manufactures components for the Shahed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).<br>As the CEO of Shakad Sanat Asmari, Hadi Zahourian is therefore supporting and involved in Iran’s UAV programme. | 11.12.2023      |

|    | Names (Transliteration into Latin script) | Names                                | Identifying information                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Reasons for listing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Date of listing |
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| 2. | Mohammad Shahab KHANIAN                   | محمد شهاب خانیان<br>(Farsi spelling) | Position(s): Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shakad Sanat Asmari<br>POB: Mashhad, Iran<br>Nationality: Iranian<br>Gender: Male<br>Passport number: 0930588411 (National ID)<br>Associated entities: Shakad Sanat Asmari | Mohammad Shahab Khanian is Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shakad Sanat Asmari.<br><br>Shakad Sanat Asmari is an Iranian company that develops and manufactures components for the Shahed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).<br><br>As the Deputy CEO of Shakad Sanat Asmari, Mohammad Shahab Khanian is therefore supporting and involved in Iran's UAV programme. | 11.12.2023      |

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| 3. | Ehsan Rahat<br>VARNOSFADRANI              | احسان راحت ورنوسفدرانی<br>(Farsi spelling) | Position(s): Chief scientist of Shakad Sanat Asmari<br>DOB: 1983<br>POB: Bahman, Iran<br>Nationality: Iranian<br>Gender: Male<br>Associated entities: Shakad Sanat Asmari | Ehsan Rahat Varnosfadrani is the Chief scientist and former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Shakad Sanat Asmari.<br><br>Shakad Sanat Asmari is an Iranian company that develops and manufactures components for the Shahed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).<br><br>As the Chief scientist and former CEO of Shakad Sanat Asmari, Ehsan Rahat Varnosfadrani is therefore supporting and involved in Iran's UAV programme. | 11.12.2023      |

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| 6. | Ehsan IMANINEJAD<br>a.k.a. Ehsan IMANIJAD | احسان ایمانی نژاد<br>(Farsi spelling) | Position(s): Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Saad Sazeh Faraz Sharif<br>DOB: 1982<br>POB: Shahrivar, Iran<br>Nationality: Iranian<br>Gender: Male<br>Associated entities: Saad Sazeh Faraz Sharif | Ehsan Imaninejad is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Saad Sazeh Faraz Sharif.<br>Saad Sazeh Faraz Sharif (a.k.a. Daria Fanavar Borhan Sharif) is an Iranian company that offers aerospace engineering services and manufactures parts of the Shahed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).<br>As CEO of Saad Sazeh Faraz Sharif, Ehsan Imaninejad is therefore supporting and involved in Iran's UAV programme. | 11.12.2023';    |

(2) in the list entitled ‘B. Legal persons, entities and bodies’, entries 1 and 4 are replaced by the following:

|     | Names (Transliteration into Latin script) | Names                                | Identifying information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Reasons for listing                                                                                                                                                                                         | Date of listing |
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| ‘1. | Shakad Sanat Asmari                       | شکاد صنعت آسماری<br>(Farsi spelling) | Address: Haft-e Tir Sq, 378<br>Moftah Shomali St, third floor,<br>Tehran, Iran, postal code<br>1588944546<br><br>Type of entity: Limited Liability<br>Company<br><br>Place of registration: Tehran,<br>Iran<br><br>Date of registration: 24.10.2016<br><br>Principal place of business: Iran<br><br>National ID: 14006189580<br><br>Registration number: 498744<br><br>Associated individuals: Hadi<br>Zahourian (Chief Executive<br>Officer); Mohammad Shahab<br>Khanian (Deputy Chief<br>Executive Officer); Ehsan Rahat<br>Varnosfadrani (Chief scientist<br>and former Chief Executive<br>Officer) | Shakad Sanat Asmari is an Iranian company that develops and manufactures components for the Shahed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).<br><br>It is therefore supporting and involved in Iran’s UAV programme. | 11.12.2023      |

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| 4. | Sarmad Electronic Sepahan Company a.k.a.<br><br>Sarmad Electronics; Sarmad Electronic Sepahan; Sarmad Electronics Co. | سرمد الکترونیک سپاهان<br>(Farsi spelling) | Address: Second Floor, No 309, Alley 28, South Abou Na'im Street, Jaber Ansari Street, Isfahan, Iran<br><br>Place of registration: Iran<br><br>Date of registration: 2014<br><br>Principal place of business: Iran | Sarmad Electronic Sepahan Company is an Iranian company that produces the specific components used in Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).<br><br>Those UAVs are deployed by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine. Servomotors and flowmotors in detached Iranian UAVs found on the Ukrainian battlefield have been traced back directly to Sarmad Electronic Sepahan Company.<br><br>The company itself advertises its activities in Iran by claiming to be active in large sensitive industries in the country, including that of UAVs.<br><br>It is therefore supporting and involved in Iran's UAV programme. | 11.12.2023'.    |