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Council reinforces restrictive measures on Syria

In view of the gravity of the situation in Syria, the Council today reinforced the EU's restrictive measures against the country's regime.

The Council added eighteen more persons responsible for human rights violations to the list of those targeted by an asset freeze and travel ban pursuant to decision 2011/273/CFSP[1] and regulation 442/2011[2]. This decision brings the total number of persons subject to the measures to 74. At the same time, 19 entities remain covered by a freeze of their assets in the EU.

In addition, the Council prohibited disbursements by the European Investment Bank in connection with existing loan agreements between Syria and the bank. It also stopped the continuation of EIB technical assistance contracts for sovereign projects in Syria. In May 2011, the European Investment Bank had already been invited by the Council to suspend new financing operations in the country.

Today's decisions, together with the list of the additional designations, will be published in the Official Journal on 15 November 2011.

Council conclusions.

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1 OJ L 121, 10.5.2011, p. 11.
2 OJ L 121, 10.5.2011, p. 1.

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