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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain third countries with Council decisions on Syria*

On 23 August 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/515/CFSP [1]. The Council Decision amends the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex to Decision 2011/273/CFSP.

On 2 September 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/522/CFSP [2] and Council Decision 2011/523/CFSP [3].

The Council Decision 2011/522/CFSP imposes additional restrictive measures against Syria and amends the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex to Decision 2011/273/CFSP.

The Council Decision 2011/523/CFSP suspends the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic.

On 22 September 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/628/CFSP [4]. The Council Decision imposes additional restrictive measure against Syria and amends the list of persons subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex to Decision 2011/273/CFSP.

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* Council Decision 2011/515/CFSP, Council Decision 2011/522/CFSP, Council Decision 2011/628/CFSP, Council Decision 2011/684/CFSP, Council Decision 2011/735/CFSP, Council Decision 2011/736/CFSP, Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria and Council Decision 2011/523/CFSP partially suspending the application of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic.

On 13 October 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/684/CFSP [5]. The Council Decision imposes additional restrictive measures against Syria.

On 14 November 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/735/CFSP [6] and Council Decision 2011/736/CFSP [7].

The Council Decision 2011/735/CFSP imposes additional restrictive measures against Syria and updates the information on one persons subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex I to Decision 2011/273/CFSP.

The Council Decision 2011/736/CFSP amends the list of persons subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex I to Decision 2011/273/CFSP.

On 2 December 2011, the Council adopted Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP [8]. The Council Decision repeals Decision 2011/273/CFSP, imposes additional restrictive measures against Syria.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Iceland[+], the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Serbia, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova align themselves with these decisions.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to these Council Decisions.

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

References:

[1] Published on 24.08.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 218, p. 20.

[2] Published on 03.09.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 228, p. 16.

[3] Published on 03.09.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 228, p. 19.

[4] Published on 24.09.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 247, p. 17.

[5] Published on 14.10.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 269, p. 33.

[6] Published on 15.11.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 296, p. 53.

[7] Published on 15.11.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 296, p. 55.

[8] Published on 02.12.2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 319, p. 56.

*Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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