

State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Bilateral Economic Relations Sanctions

Version of 13.08.2021

Sanctions program: Nicaragua: Verordnung vom 24. Juni 2020 über Massnahmen gegenüber Nicaragua (SR 946.231.158.5), Anhang Origin: EU Sanctions: Art. 2 Abs. 1 (Finanzsanktionen) und Art. 3 Abs. 1 (Ein- und Durchreiseverbot)
Sanctions program: Nicaragua: Ordonnance du 24 juin 2020 instituant des mesures à l'encontre du Nicaragua (RS 946.231.158.5), annexe Origin: EU Sanctions: art. 2, al. 1 (Sanctions financières) et art. 3, al. 1 (Interdiction de séjour et de transit)
Sanctions program: Nicaragua: Ordinanza del 24 giugno 2020 istituisce provvedimenti nei confronti del Nicaragua (RS 946.231.158.5), allegato Origin: EU Sanctions: art. 2 cpv. 1 (Sanzioni finanziarie) e art. 3 cpv. 1 (Divieto di entrata e di transito)

Individuals

SSID: 400-46211 Name: Rosario María Murillo Zambrana

Sex: W **DOB:** 22 Jun 1951 **POB:** Managua, Nicaragua **Good quality a.k.a.:** Rosario María Murillo de Ortega **Nationality:** Nicaragua **Identification document:** Passport No. A00000106, Nicaragua

Justification: Vice President of Nicaragua, First Lady of Nicaragua and a leader of the Sandinista Youth. According to President Daniel Ortega, Rosario María Murillo Zambrana shares half of power with him. She played an instrumental role in encouraging and justifying the repression of opposition demonstrations by the Nicaraguan National Police in 2018. In Jun 2021, she publicly threatened the Nicaraguan opposition and discredited independent journalists. She is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations, for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and for undermining democracy in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): Vice President of the Republic of Nicaragua (since 2017), wife of President Daniel Ortega **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46223 Name: Gustavo Eduardo Porras Cortés

Sex: M **DOB:** 11 Oct 1954 **POB:** Managua, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua **Justification:** President of the National Assembly of Nicaragua since Jan 2017 and member of the national direction of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) since 1996. In his position as the President of the National Assembly of Nicaragua, he is responsible for promoting the adoption of several repressive legal acts, among them an amnesty law that precludes any investigation into the perpetrators of massive human rights violations in 2018, and laws undermining freedom and democratic process in Nicaragua. He is therefore responsible for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, as well as for seriously undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Nicaragua (since Jan 2017) **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46231 Name: Juan Antonio Valle Valle

Sex: M **DOB:** 4 May 1963 **POB:** Matagalpa, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua **Justification:** As leader in the rank of senior commissioner (second highest rank) of the Nicaraguan National Police (NNP) and in a leading position in the police in Managua, Juan Antonio Valle Valle is responsible for repeated acts of police brutality and the excessive use

of force which resulted in the deaths of hundreds of civilians, for arbitrary arrests and detentions, for violations of freedom of expression and for preventing demonstrations against the government. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua. **Other information: a)** Position(s): Leader in Nicaraguan National Police **b)** Rank: General/Senior Commissioner **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46241 Name: Ana Julia Guido Ochoa

Sex: W **DOB:** 16 Feb 1959 **POB:** Matagalpa, Nicaragua **Good quality a.k.a.:** Ana Julia Guido de Romero **Nationality:** Nicaragua

Justification: In her position as Attorney General, the highest civil servant in the Prosecutor's Office, Ana Julia Guido Ochoa, who is loyal to the Ortega regime, is responsible for the politically motivated prosecution of numerous protesters and members of the political opposition. She created a specialised unit that fabricated allegations against protesters and brought charges against them. She is moreover responsible for the disqualification from public office of the main opposition candidate for the general elections. She is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations, for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): Attorney General of the Republic of Nicaragua **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46250 Name: Fidel de Jesús Domínguez Álvarez

Sex: M DOB: 21 Mar 1960 Nationality: Nicaragua

Justification: In his position as chief of the police in Leon since 23 Aug 2018, Fidel de Jesús Domínguez Alvarez is responsible for numerous serious violations of human rights, in particular arbitrary arrests and detention, including the kidnapping of members of a political opponent's family, the excessive use of force and violations of freedom of expression and freedom of the media. He is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations and the repression of civil society and democratic opposition. **Other information:** Position(s): Chief of police in Leon, General Commissioner of the National Police **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46257 Name: Alba Luz Ramos Vanegas

Sex: W **DOB:** 3 Jun 1949 **Nationality:** Nicaragua **Identification document:** Passport No. A0009864, Nicaragua

Justification: In her position as the President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Nicaragua, she is responsible for instrumentalisation of the judiciary in favour of the interests of the Ortega regime, through the selective criminalisation of opposition activities, perpetuating the pattern of violations of rights of due process, arbitrary arrests, and the disqualification of political parties and opposition candidates. She is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations, for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and for seriously undermining the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): President of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Nicaragua **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46265 Name: Juan Carlos Ortega Murillo

DOB: 17 Oct 1982 Nationality: Nicaragua

Justification: Son of president Daniel Ortega and the First Lady and Vice President Rosario Murillo. Director of one of the main propaganda TV stations, Canal 8, and the leader of the

4th of May Sandinista Movement. In his position, he has contributed to restricting freedom of expression and freedom of the media. He has publicly threatened Nicaraguan businesspersons who oppose the Ortega regime. He is therefore responsible for undermining democracy and the repression of civil society in Nicaragua. Because he is the son of Vice President Rosario Murillo, he is associated with persons responsible for serious human rights violations and the repression of civil society in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): Director at Canal 8 and Difuso Comunicaciones. Leader of the 4th of May Sandinista Movement, Son of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Nicaragua **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-46272 Name: Bayardo Arce Castaño

Sex: M DOB: 21 Mar 1950 Nationality: Nicaragua

Justification: In his position as Economic Advisor to President Daniel Ortega, Bayardo Arce Castano holds significant influence over the policies of the Ortega regime. He is therefore associated with persons responsible for serious violations of human rights in Nicaragua. He supported the development of legislation preventing opposition candidates from taking part in elections. He is therefore responsible for repression against civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): Economic Advisor to the President of the Republic of Nicaragua **Modifications:** Listed on 13 Aug 2021

SSID: 400-42033 **Foreign identifier:** 1 **Name:** Ramón Antonio Avellán Medal **Sex:** M **DOB:** 11 Nov 1954 **POB:** Jinotepe, Nicaragua **Identification document:** Passport No. A0008696, Nicaragua, Date of issue: 17 Oct 2011, Expiry date: 17 Oct 2021 **Justification:** Deputy Director-General of the Nicaraguan National Police (NNP) and former chief of the police in Masaya. Responsible for serious human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua, including by coordinating the repression of protesters in Masaya in 2018. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020

SSID: 400-42043 Foreign identifier: 2 Name: Sonia Castro González

Sex: W DOB: 29 Sep 1967 POB: Carazo, Nicaragua Identification document: a) Passport No. A00001526, Nicaragua, Date of issue: 19 Nov 2019, Expiry date: 19 Nov 2028 b) ID card No. 0422909670000N, Nicaragua

Justification: Special advisor to the President of Nicaragua on health issues and former Minister of Health. Responsible for serious human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua, including by hindering access to emergency medical assistance for injured civilians involved in demonstrations and ordering hospital staff to report demonstrators who have been brought to hospital by the police. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020

SSID: 400-42052 **Foreign identifier:** 3 **Name:** Francisco Javier Díaz Madriz **Sex:** M **DOB:** 3 Aug 1961

Justification: General Director of the Nicaraguan National Police (NNP) since 23 Aug 2018 and former Deputy General Director of NNP. Responsible for serious human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua, including by leading police forces committing violence against civilians, including excessive use of force, arbitrary arrests and detentions and torture. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020

SSID: 400-42057 Foreign identifier: 4 Name: Néstor Moncada Lau Sex: M DOB: 2 Mar 1954

Justification: Personal advisor to the President of Nicaragua on national security matters. In this capacity, he has been directly involved in and responsible for decision-making on national security matters and the establishment of repressive policies carried out by the State of Nicaragua against people taking part in demonstrations, opposition representatives and journalists in Nicaragua from Apr 2018 onwards. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020

SSID: 400-42062 Foreign identifier: 5 Name: Luís Pérez Olivas

Sex: M DOB: 8 Jan 1956

Justification: General Commissioner and Legal Assistance Main Officer (DAEJ) in the 'El Chipote' penitentiary centre. Responsible for serious human rights violations, including torture, use of extensive force, mistreatment of detainees and other forms of degrading treatment. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020

SSID: 400-42067 Foreign identifier: 6 Name: Justo Pastor Urbina Sex: M DOB: 29 Jan 1956

Justification: Head of Police Special Operations Unit (DOEP). He has been directly involved in the implementation of repressive policies against demonstrators and the opposition in Nicaragua, particularly in Managua. In this context, he is responsible for serious human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020