



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: 400-42033 **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. In 2021, he carried out the investigations to set up cases against the opposition leaders arrested before the elections. **Modifications:** Listed on 24 Jun 2020, amended on 24 Jan 2023

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, amended on 24 Oct 2023

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

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, who presents her as the de facto "co-President" of the country, 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. Those threats have been repeated since then. In Feb 2023, Daniel Ortega revealed that Rosario María Murillo Zambrana is the instigator of new repressions, namely related to the expulsion and deprivation of citizenship of 222 political prisoners. 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, amended on 24 Oct 2023

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, laws undermining freedom and democratic process in Nicaragua, and laws depriving the civil rights of civilians, including the Bishop of Matagalpa, Rolando José Álvarez Lagos. He is therefore responsible for the repression of civil society, democratic opposition, representatives of the Church, 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, amended on 24 Oct 2023

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 police in Leon since 23 Aug 2018 and then General Commissioner of the National Police since Sep 2020, 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, death threats, the excessive use of force and violations of freedom of expression and freedom of the media. He is considered as one of the main figures of repression against the democratic opposition in the region of Leon. 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, amended on 24 Oct 2023

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: 400-47137 **Name:** Camila Antonia Ortega Murillo

Sex: W **DOB:** 4 Nov 1987 **POB:** Managua, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua **Identification document:** Passport No. A00000114, Nicaragua

Justification: Camila Antonia Ortega Murillo is closely involved in actions supporting the presidential couple Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo, as an advisor to the Presidency, personal assistant to the Vice-President and Coordinator of the Creative Economy National Commission. She is also the Director of the platform Nicaragua Diseña and TV station Canal 13. She is responsible for using Nicaragua Diseña to support the fraudulent presidential and parliamentary elections, which took place on 7 Nov 2021, by creating fake accounts on different social media platforms. As the Director of Canal 13, she has contributed to disseminating the Ortega regime's hate speech against the civic opposition, while restricting editorial plurality and persecuting independent journalists and media outlets in Nicaragua, eliminating freedom of expression and actual electoral competition. She has played a central role in the suppression of political pluralism and the definitive disarticulation of Nicaraguan democracy. She is therefore associated with persons responsible for undermining democracy and for serious human rights violations and she is supporting such repression and violations. **Other information:** a) Position: Daughter of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo, Advisor to the Presidency, Coordinator of the Creative Economy Commission,

Director of TV station Canal 13 **b)** ID number: 0010411870001B **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022

SSID: 400-47147 **Name:** Laureano Facundo Ortega Murillo

Sex: M **DOB:** 20 Nov 1982 **POB:** Managua, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua

Identification document: Passport No. A00000684, Nicaragua

Justification: Laureano Facundo Ortega Murillo is closely involved in actions supporting the presidential couple Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo, as an advisor to the Presidency. He has justified and supported the arbitrary and illegal imprisonment of Nicaraguan political opposition leaders and presidential pre-candidates, student and rural leaders or independent journalists, all of whom he has referred to as “terrorists”. By contributing to the elimination of actual electoral competition, he has played a central role in the suppression of political pluralism and the definitive disarticulation of Nicaraguan democracy. He has acted as an economic advisor to his father Daniel Ortega and the Ortega regime through the governmental agency ProNicaragua. Additionally, he is responsible for operating BanCorp – an entity whose main purpose is to assist, sponsor and financially support the repressive activities of his mother, Vice-President Rosario Murillo. He is therefore associated with persons responsible for the repression of civil society and for serious human rights violations, and he is supporting such repression and violations. **Other information: a)** Son of Daniel Ortega and Rosario Murillo, Advisor to the Presidency **b)** ID number: 0012011820046M **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022

SSID: 400-47157 **Name:** Brenda Isabel Rocha Chacón

Sex: W **DOB:** 10 Feb 1967 **POB:** Bonanza, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua

Justification: Brenda Isabel Rocha Chacón has been since May 2021 President of the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) – a body responsible for the preparation, holding and certification of the general elections of 7 Nov 2021 and local elections of 6 Nov 2022, which, by their lack of transparency, true opposition and democratic debate, undermined democratic institutions and processes. The SEC deprived the opposition of the opportunity to stand for free elections and ensured the organisation of polls in non-democratic conditions. She is therefore responsible for the repression of democratic opposition and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): President of the Supreme Electoral Council **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022, amended on 24 Oct 2023

SSID: 400-47166 **Name:** Cairo Melvin Amador Arrieta

Sex: M **DOB:** 1952 **Nationality:** Nicaragua

Justification: Cairo Melvin Amador Arrieta has been since May 2021 the Vice-President of the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) – a body responsible for the preparation, holding and certification of the general elections of 7 Nov 2021 and local elections of 6 Nov 2022, which, by their lack of transparency, true opposition and democratic debate, undermined democratic institutions and processes. The SEC deprived the opposition of the opportunity to stand for free elections and ensured the organisation of polls in non-democratic conditions. He is therefore responsible for the repression of democratic opposition and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Position(s): Vice-President of the Supreme Electoral Council **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022, amended on 24 Oct 2023

SSID: 400-47173 **Name:** Lumberto Ignacio Campbell Hooker

Sex: M **DOB:** 3 Dec 1949 **POB:** Raas, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua **Identification document:** Passport No. A00001109, Nicaragua

Justification: Lumberto Ignacio Campbell Hooker has been since 2014 a member of the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) – a body responsible for the preparation, holding and certification of the general elections of 7 Nov 2021 and local elections of 6 Nov 2022, which, by their lack of transparency, true opposition and democratic debate, undermined democratic institutions and processes. The SEC deprived the opposition of the opportunity to stand for free elections and ensured the organisation of polls in non-democratic conditions. His mandate as member of the SEC was renewed by the General Assembly in May 2021. He spoke to the media during the general elections of 7 Nov 2021 and local elections of 6 Nov 2022, justifying and praising their organisation. He is therefore responsible for the repression of democratic opposition and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information:** a) Position(s): Member of the Supreme Electoral Council, acting President of the Supreme Electoral Council in 2018 b) ID number: 6010302490003J
Modifications: Listed on 21 Jan 2022, amended on 24 Jan 2023, 24 Oct 2023

SSID: 400-47184 **Name:** Nahima Janett Díaz Flores

Sex: W **DOB:** 28 Jun 1989 **Nationality:** Nicaragua

Justification: Nahima Janett Díaz Flores is the Director of the Nicaraguan Institute of Telecommunications and Postal Services (TELCOR), the regulatory entity for telecommunications and postal services. TELCOR has been used by the Nicaraguan authorities to silence independent media, including three news organisations since 2018. During the 2021 general elections campaign, TELCOR was implementing disinformation campaigns on a large scale. As the institution in charge of the implementation of the “cybersecurity law”, TELCOR has been commanding and operating surveillance actions regarding civil society and democratic opposition. In her position, Nahima Díaz Flores has acted as a supporter of the Ortega regime, and has commanded and operated actions of disinformation and surveillance through TELCOR of civil society and democratic opposition. She is therefore responsible for serious violations of human rights, repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and undermining democracy in Nicaragua. **Other information:** Director of the Nicaraguan Institute of Telecommunications and Postal Services, daughter of the General Director of the Nicaraguan National Police Francisco Javier Díaz Madriz
Modifications: Listed on 21 Jan 2022

SSID: 400-47191 **Name:** Luis Ángel Montenegro Espinoza

Sex: M **DOB:** 1 Jan 1949 **POB:** Esteli, Nicaragua **Address:** Planes De Puntaldia Casa #16, Managua, Nicaragua **Nationality:** Nicaragua

Justification: Luis Ángel Montenegro Espinoza is the Superintendent of the Superintendency of Banks and other Financial Institutions of Nicaragua (SIBOIF). In that position he is responsible for the persecution of financial actors that resisted the Ortega regime’s policies, as well as for enforcing the regime’s control over the financial sector. He was appointed to that position directly by Daniel Ortega, as a reward for his loyalty. In his previous role as Controller General of the Republic he ensured that Ortega’s corrupt financial activities would not be audited and equally contributed to Ortega’s control of the regime. He is therefore responsible for undermining the rule of law in Nicaragua as well as for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition. **Other information:** a)

Superintendent of the Superintendency of Banks and other Financial Institutions of Nicaragua **b)** ID number: 1610101490000S **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022

Entities

SSID: 400-47202 **Name:** National Police of Nicaragua **Spelling variant:** La Policía Nacional Nicaragüense (Spanish / Castilian)

DOF: 22 Aug 1979

Justification: The National Police of Nicaragua is responsible for the degrading treatment, including physical and psychological torture, of those who opposed the Ortega regime. It is responsible for the unlawful imprisonment of presidential pre-candidates, civil society leaders, student and rural leaders or independent journalists without any legal and democratic guarantees. The National Police was instrumental in Daniel Ortega avoiding facing any real democratic opposition during the general elections of 7 Nov 2021. Prior to those elections, the National Police conducted continuous surveillance and persecution of opposition leaders, unlawful residential break-ins and arbitrary arrests of opposition members, and it systematically threatened public employees. In 2018, the National Police was involved in killings of peaceful protesters across Nicaragua. The National Police of Nicaragua is therefore responsible for serious violations of human rights, repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information: a)** Headquarters: Managua, Nicaragua **b)** Website: <http://www.policia.gob.ni/> **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022

SSID: 400-47209 **Name:** Supreme Electoral Council **Spelling variant:** Consejo Supremo Electoral (Spanish / Castilian)

Address: Pista Juan Pablo II, Managua, 14005, Nicaragua

Justification: The Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) is the body responsible for the preparation, holding and certification of the general elections of 7 Nov 2021, which by their lack of transparency, true opposition and democratic debate, undermined democratic institutions and processes. The SEC deprived the opposition of the opportunity to stand for free elections and ensured the organisation of polls in non-democratic conditions. The SEC is therefore responsible for the repression of democratic opposition and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua. **Other information: a)** Website: <https://www.cse.gob.ni/> **b)** Email: info@cse.gob.ni **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022

SSID: 400-47216 **Name:** Nicaraguan Institute of Telecommunications and Postal Services

DOF: 12 Jun 1982 **Address:** Avenida Bolívar, Esquina diagonal al edificio de la Cancillería, Aptdo 2664, Managua, 10000, Nicaragua

Justification: The Nicaraguan Institute of Telecommunications and Postal Services (TELCOR) is the regulatory entity for telecommunications and postal services. It has been used by the Nicaraguan authorities to silence independent media, including three news organisations since 2018, during the repression of 2018 and after the general elections of 2021. During the general elections campaign, TELCOR was implementing a disinformation campaign on a large scale. As the institution in charge of the implementation of the “cybersecurity law”, TELCOR has been commanding and operating surveillance actions regarding civil society and democratic opposition. In addition, TELCOR continues its campaign of tight media control by shutting down radio stations close to the democratic opposition. TELCOR is therefore responsible for serious violations of human rights, and the

repression of civil society and democratic opposition. **Other information:** Website:
<https://www.telcor.gob.ni> **Modifications:** Listed on 21 Jan 2022, amended on 24 Oct 2023