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Verordnung vom 8. Juni 2012 über Massnahmen gegenüber Syrien (SR 946.231.172.7),

Anhang 7

Art. 10 Abs. 1 (Finanzsanktionen) und Art. 17 Abs. 1 (Ein- und Durchreiseverbot)

Origin: EU

Ordonnance du 8 juin 2012 instituant des mesures à l'encontre de la Syrie (RS 946.231.172.7), annexe 7

art. 10, al. 1 (Sanctions financières) et art. 17, al. 1 (Interdiction de séjour et de transit)

Origin: EU

Ordinanza dell'8 giugno 2012 che istituisce provvedimenti nei confronti della Siria (RS 946.231.172.7), allegato 7

art. 10 cpv. 1 (Sanzioni finanziarie) e art. 17 cpv. 1 (Divieto di entrata e di transito)

Origin: EU

Listed

Individuals

SSID: 200-71060 Name: Mahmoud al-Dj

Sex: M DOB: 26 Jul 1983 POB: Tell Rifaat, Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic Nationality: a)

Syrian Arab Republic b) Libya

Justification: Mahmoud al-Dj is a leading businessperson operating in Syria, who owns several companies active in different sectors such as logistics and tourism. He facilitates illicit transactions between regime-affiliated persons and entities in Syria and Eastern Libya, including in relation to narcotics, and the shipments of arms and mercenaries. His position is enabled through his close ties with the Syrian regime, from which he and his businesses are benefitting. His activities, on the other hand, support the Syrian regime and enable it to access illicit revenues. He is therefore benefiting from, and providing support to, the Syrian regime. **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71069 Name: Yasser Hussein Ibrahim

Sex: M DOB: 9 Apr 1983 POB: Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic Nationality: Syrian Arab

Republic

Justification: Yasser Ibrahim is an economic advisor to Bashar al-Assad and acts in the economic council run by Asma al-Assad. Together with Ali Najib Ibrahim he operates a number of shell companies, and acts as a front for business activities of Bashar Al-Assad and Asma Al-Assad. Therefore, Yasser Ibrahim is benefiting and supporting the Syrian regime. **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71076 Name: Bilal al-Naal

Sex: M DOB: 14 Apr 1975 POB: Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic Good quality a.k.a.: al-

Na'al Nationality: Syrian Arab Republic

Justification: a) Bilal al-Naal is a founder and partner of multiple trading and investment

companies in Syria. **b)** He is a member of the Syrian-Russian Business Council making him instrumental in the economic ties between Russia and the Syrian regime. Al-Naal is also a member of the Syrian parliament and former member of the Damascus governorate council. Therefore, Bilal al-Naal is a leading business person in Syria, who is in this capacity supporting and benefiting from the Syrian regime. He is also associated with Fadi Saqr, Cham Holding and Bishr Al-Sabban. **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71085 Name: Fahad Darwish

Sex: M DOB: 1955 POB: Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic Good quality a.k.a.: Fahd

(Fahed) Nationality: a) Syrian Arab Republic b) Iran

Justification: a) Fahd Darwish is President of the Joint Syrian-Iranian Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Darwish owns and runs multiple businesses in Syria active in different sectors such as trading and pharmaceuticals. **b)** Therefore, Darwish is a leading businessperson operating in Syria, who is, in this capacity, supporting and benefitting from the Syrian regime. **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71095 Name: Mohannad al-Dabbagh

Sex: M DOB: 6 Mar 1967 Nationality: a) Syrian Arab Republic b) Iran

Justification: a) Mohannad al-Dabbagh is a cousin of Asma al-Assad. He co-owns Takamol LLC, a company responsible for managing the electronic "smart card program" used since 2014 to distribute subsidised food and other products in Syria under the umbrella of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Protection. In particular, Takamol LLC earns a fee for every transaction operated through the smart card. **b)** Mohannad al-Dabbagh is therefore benefitting from and supporting the Syrian regime. **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71103 Name: Firas al-Akhras

Sex: M **DOB:** 1 Mar 1978 **POB:** London, United Kingdom **Nationality:** Syrian Arab Republic **Justification:** a) Firas al-Akhras is the brother of Asma al-Assad. He is co-owner of the Takamol LLC company responsible for managing the electronic "smart card program" used since 2014 to distribute subsidised food and other products in Syria, under the umbrella of the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Protection. In particular, Takamol LLC earns a fee for every transaction operated through the smart card. b) Firas al-Akhras is therefore benefitting from and supporting the Syrian regime. **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

Entities

SSID: 200-71111 **Name**: Al-Dj Group

Good quality a.k.a.: ALDJ

Justification: a) Al-Dj Group is a Syrian business entity, owned and managed by Mahmoud al-Dj. As a holding company it owns and operates the Freebird Travel Agency, an agent for Cham Wings Airlines, which is conducting frequent flights between Syria and Libya, smuggling mercenaries, and narcotics. Al-Dj Group is further associated with Al-Tair Company, which is also owned by Mahmoud al-Dj. b) Through this scheme of business relations, in which Al-Dj Group plays a central role, cargo shipping and flights are used for illicit transactions between regime-affiliated persons and entities in Syria and Eastern Libya, including narcotics. c) Al-Dj Group's activities benefit the Syrian regime and support it in accessing illicit revenues. Other information: a) Place of registration: Damascus, Syria b) Principal place of business: Syria Modifications: Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71120 Name: Cham Wings

Justification: a) Cham Wings Airlines is a Syrian business entity which is owned by Muhammad Issam Shammout. **b)** Also, Cham Wings uses its flights to engage in the transfer of Syrian mercenaries, arms trade, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, which supports the activities of the Syrian regime. As the only private airline in Syria, Cham Wings is therefore benefiting from, and providing support to the Syrian regime. **Other information: a)** Place of registration: Damascus, Syria **b)** Principal place of business: Damascus, Syria **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71127 Name: Freebird Travel Agency

Justification: a) The Freebird Travel Agency is a Syrian business entity owned and operated by Al-Dj Group, which in turn is owned and managed by Mahmoud al-Dj. **b)** Freebird serves as principal agent for Cham Wings Airlines. and, thereby benefits from and provides support to the regime. **Other information: a)** Place of registration: Syria, Dubai **b)** Principal place of business: Damascus, Syria **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71134 Name: Iloma Investment Private JSC

DOF: 2023 Good quality a.k.a.: Eloma

Justification: a) Iloma Investment Private JSC has been established at the beginning of 2023 to take over almost half of the ownership of Damascus airport. **b)** Iloma is a front for the Assad family and part of the regime's efforts to personally gain from manipulation of the economy. Therefore, Iloma is supporting and benefiting from the Syrian regime. **Other information: a)** Place of registration: Damascus, Syria **b)** Principal place of business: Damascus, Syria **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024

SSID: 200-71143 Name: Al-Aqila Company

DOF: 2007 Good quality a.k.a.: al-Akila Insurance Company (Al-Aqeela Insurance

Company)

Justification: a) Al-Aqila Company entered into a joint venture with the Iranian Alborz Insurance Company, in a move arranged between the two regimes to strengthen Iran's position in the Syrian economy. **b)** In the current Syrian business environment, such a joint venture requires the support of the Syrian Regime. Therefore, the Al-Aqila Company is supporting and benefitting from the Syrian regime. **Other information: a)** Place of registration: Damascus, Syria **b)** Principal place of business: Syria **Modifications:** Listed on 2 Feb 2024