

ONLY VIA E-MAIL

March 8, 2023

To the Managements of all financial institutions and DNFBPs

VMI/lcw/2.4/2.46/INT/11130

Dear Management,

By letter of March 17, 2021 (VMI/pjj/2.46/INT/9501), the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) informed you about the enactment of the Sanctions State Decree Human Rights Violations (AB 2021 no. 30) implementing the EU global human rights sanctions regime. In connection herewith, the CBA hereby informs you that on March 7, 2023, the Council of the European Union (Council) has adopted the following:

- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/500 of March 7, 2023 implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses (enclosure 1);
- Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/501 of March 7, 2023 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses (enclosure 2).

In its efforts to reaffirm its determination to promote and protect global human rights, the Council imposed restrictive measures on nine (9) individuals and three (3) entities in light of their involvement in sexual and gender-based violence.

- [Press release: Violence against women and girls: EU sanctions nine individuals and three entities under its Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime \(March 7, 2023\).](#)

The new designations on the EU human rights sanctions list encompass:

- two (2) acting Taliban ministers for Higher Education and for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice;
- officers of the Moscow Police Station and high-ranking members of the Russia armed forces;
- commanders of the South Sudanese militias;
- the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs in Myanmar/Burma;
- the Qarchak Prison in Iran, the Syrian Republican Guard and the Office of the Chief of Military Security Affairs in Myanmar/Burma.

The aforementioned EU-Regulations and EU-Decisions can also be found on the website of the Council <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/>, as well as on the website of the CBA www.cbaruba.org under the heading "Supervision – Financial sanctions regulations – Human rights violations".

Your institution should take duly notice of the content of the attached documents and ensure that it stays abreast of all updates related to the mentioned regulations.

The listed individuals and entities on the amended annexes of the aforementioned EU-Regulation and EU-Decision are now subject to an asset freeze and your institution is prohibited from making funds available, either directly or indirectly, to those listed.

If you have any questions regarding this e-mail, please contact Ms. Vasilena Ivanova of the Integrity Supervision Department at telephone number (297) 5252-227 or by e-mail v.ivanova@cbaruba.org.

Sincerely yours,

Centrale Bank van Aruba

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