

## UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Annex I to the Interim State Decree on Priority Sanctions Regimes (AB 2019 No. 47) contains an overview of sanctions regimes based on Regulations and Decisions of the European Union that are applied within Aruba to implement the Sanctions State Ordinance 2006 (AB 2007 No. 24). Annex I lists the various regimes of restrictive measures adopted at European Union level in the form of EU Regulations, EU Decisions, and Common Positions. These measures, including the freezing of funds or other assets, are implemented in Aruba in the form of the aforementioned State Decree. In addition, Annex II contains a list of countries, states, territories, groups or organizations to which the humanitarian exemption as referred to in article 2a of that Interim State Decree applies.

The purpose of this amending State Decree is to amend Annex I and Annex II to the Interim State Decree on Priority Sanctions Regimes. As a result, the references contained in that State Decree to the sanctions regimes with regard to Zimbabwe are to be removed. This amendment is related to Council Regulation (EU) No. 2026/384 of February 17, 2026, amending Regulation (EC) No. 314/2004 of February 19, 2004, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe (OJEU L 2026/384).<sup>1</sup>

On the basis of an evaluation of Decision 2011/101/CFSP, the Council of the European Union considers that the provisions concerning the travel ban and the freezing of funds or other assets, as well as the related prohibition on making funds or economic resources available should be removed. The Council also considers that the title of Decision 2011/101/CFSP should be amended to reflect the fact that the Decision

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<sup>1</sup> See, in this respect, article 1, first paragraph of Council Regulation (EU) 2026/384 of February 17, 2026, amending Regulation (EC) No. 314/2004 of February 19, 2004, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe, which henceforth only includes an arms embargo.

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The above has no financial consequences for the Country Aruba. As a result of this amending State Decree, Zimbabwe is removed from Annex I (see article 1, part A) and Annex II (see article 1, part B) from the Interim State Decree on Priority Sanctions Regimes. As a result of the removal of Zimbabwe from Annex I, the references to the relevant restrictive measures of the European Union concerning Zimbabwe within the framework of that State Decree are removed. Zimbabwe is also removed from Annex II, as this Annex contains a list of countries (states and territories) to which the humanitarian exception set forth in article 2a applies. As a result, the references contained in the State Decree to the sanctions regimes concerning Zimbabwe are no longer applicable.

Article II deviates from the fixed dates for changes in determining the date of entry into force of this amending State Decree. The reason for this deviation is compliance with an international obligation. Thereby, allowing for an exception to the fixed dates for changes in accordance with the Drafting Instructions for Legislation concerning fixed dates for changes.

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entrusted with overseeing the Ministry of General Affairs, Culture, the Environment and Nature,  
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The Minister of Finance and Culture,  
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The Minister of Justice and Social Affairs,  
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