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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus[(1)], and in particular Article 8a(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposals from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 18 May 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus.

(2) On 9 August 2020, Belarus conducted presidential elections, which were found to be inconsistent with international standards and marred by the repression of independent candidates and a brutal crackdown on peaceful protesters in the wake of those elections. On 11 August 2020, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') issued a declaration on behalf of the Union, assessing that the elections were neither free nor fair. It was also stated that measures against those responsible for violence, unjustified arrests and falsification of election results could be taken.

(3) On 2 October 2020, the Council adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1387[(2)] which designated 40 individuals identified as responsible for repression and intimidation of peaceful demonstrators, opposition members and journalists in the wake of the 2020 presidential elections in Belarus, as well as for the Central Electoral Commission's misconduct of the electoral process for those elections.

(4) On 24 September 2020, the High Representative issued a declaration on behalf of the Union, saying that the so-called 'inauguration' and the new mandate claimed by Aleksandr LUKASHENKO lack any democratic legitimacy. The statement reiterated the Union's expectation that the Belarusian authorities immediately refrain from any further repression and violence directed against the Belarusian people and immediately and unconditionally release all those detained, including political prisoners.

(5) In view of the gravity of the situation in Belarus, due to the ongoing repression of civil society and opposition activists, Aleksandr LUKASHENKO and 14 other persons

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should be included in the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006.

(6) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 is hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 November 2020.

For the Council

The President

M. ROTH

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ANNEX

In Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006, the following persons are added:

	Names of Belarusian spelling	**Transcription of Russian spelling**	**Names (Belarusian spelling)**	**Names (Russian spelling)**	**Identifying Information**	**Reasons for listing**
‘45.	Aliaksandr Ryhoravich LUKASHENKA Alexandr Grigorievich LUKASHENKO		Аляксандр Рыгоравіч ЛУКАШЭНКА	Александр Григорьевич ЛУКАШЕНКО	President of the Republic of Belarus DOB: 30.8.1954 POB: Kopys settlement, Vitebsk/ Viciebsk Oblast, former USSR (now Belarus) Gender: male	As President of Belarus with authority over State bodies, he is responsible for the violent repression by the State apparatus carried out before and after the 2020 presidential election, in particular with the dismissal of key opposition candidates, arbitrary arrests and ill-treatment of peaceful demonstrators as well as intimidation and violence against journalists.
46.	Viktar Aliaksandravich LUKASHENKA Viktor Aleksandrovich LUKASHENKO		Віктар Аляксандравіч ЛУКАШЭНКА	Виктор Александрович ЛУКАШЕНКО	National Security Advisor to the President, Member of the Security Council DOB: 28.11.1975 POB: Mogilev/	In his position as National Security Advisor to the President and a Member of the Security Council, as well as his informal supervisory

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				Mahiliou (former USSR, now Belarus) Gender: male	position over Belarus security forces, he is responsible for the repression and intimidation campaign led by the State apparatus in the wake of the 2020 presidential election, in particular with arbitrary arrests and ill#treatment, including torture, of peaceful demonstrators as well as intimidation and violence against journalists.
47.	Ihar Piatrovich SERGYAENKA Igor Petrovich SERGEENKO	Ігар Пятровіч СЕРГЯЕНКА	Игорь Петрович СЕРГЕЕНКО	Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration DOB: 14.1.1963 POB: Stolitsa village in Vitebsk/ Viciebsk Oblast (former USSR, now Belarus) Gender: male	In his position as the Chief of Staff of the Presidential Administration, he is closely associated with the President and responsible for ensuring the implementation of presidential powers in the field of domestic and foreign policy. He is thus supporting the

					Lukashenka regime, including in the repression and intimidation campaign led by the State apparatus in the wake of the 2020 presidential election.
48.	Ivan Stanislavavich TERTEL Ivan Stanislavovich TERTEL	Іван Станіслававіч ТЭРТЭЛЬ	Иван Станиславович ТЕРТЕЛЬ	Chairman of KGB, former Chairman of the State Control Committee DOB: 8.9.1966 POB: village Privalki/ Privalka in Hrodna/ Grodno Oblast (former USSR, now Belarus) Gender: male	In his leadership position as the Chairman of State Security Committee KGB and in his former position as the Chairman of the State Control Committee, he is responsible for the repression and intimidation campaign led by the State apparatus in the wake of the 2020 presidential election, in particular with arbitrary arrests and ill#treatment, including torture, of peaceful demonstrators as well as intimidation and violence