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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 (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011[(1)], and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 18 January 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

(2) In view of the gravity of the situation in Syria, in particular the use by the Syrian regime of chemical weapons and its involvement in chemical weapons proliferation, four persons should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

(3) Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/420. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 19 March 2018.

For the Council

The President

F. MOGHERINI

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/420. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX

The following persons are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons) of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012:

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
‘260.	Yusuf Ajeeb (a.k.a: يوسف عجيب; Yousef; Ajib)	Brigadier General; Doctor; Head of Security Office, Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) Address: Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), Barzeh Street, P.O. Box 4470, Damascus	Holds the rank of Brigadier General, a senior officer in the Syrian Armed Forces, in post after May 2011. Since 2012, he has been Head of Security for the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) which is involved in the chemical weapons proliferation sector. As a result of his senior position as Head of Security for SSRC, he is associated with the designated entity SSRC.	19.3.2018
261.	Maher Sulaiman (a.k.a: ماهر سليمان; Mahir; Suleiman)	Doctor; Director of the Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology Address: Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), P.O. Box 31983, Damascus	Director of the Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), which provides training and support as part of the Syrian chemical weapons proliferation sector. Due to his senior position at the HIAST, which is an affiliate and subsidiary	19.3.2018