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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 753/2011 of 1 August 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan[(1)], and in particular Article 11(4) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 1 August 2011, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 753/2011.

(2) On 12 January 2017, the United Nations Security Council Committee, established pursuant to paragraph 30 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1988 (2011), updated the information relating to the persons and entities subject to restrictive measures.

(3) On 16 February 2017, the United Nations Security Council Committee removed one individual from the list of individuals, groups, undertakings and entities subject to restrictive measures.

(4) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 should therefore be replaced accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 is replaced by the text appearing in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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) 2017/404. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 7 March 2017.

For the Council

The President

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ANNEX

A.*Individuals associated with the Taliban*

(1) **Abdul Baqi Basir Awal Shah** (*alias* Abdul Baqi).

Title: (a) Maulavi, (b) Mullah. **Grounds for listing:** (a) Governor of Khost and Paktika provinces under the Taliban regime, (b) Vice-Minister of Information and Culture under the Taliban regime, (c) Consulate Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Taliban regime. **Date of birth**: Between 1960 and 1962 (Approximately). **Place of birth**: (a) Jalalabad City, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, (b) Shinwar District, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality**: Afghan. **Date of UN designation**: 23.2.2001.

Other information: (a) Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area; (b) Taliban member responsible for Nangarhar Province as at 2008. Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 1 Jun. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/1493921

Additional information from the narrative summary of reasons for listing provided by the Sanctions Committee:

Abdul Baqi initially served as the Governor of the provinces of Khost and Paktika for the Taliban regime. He was subsequently appointed Vice-Minister of Information and Culture. He also served in the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Taliban regime.

During 2003, Abdul Baqi was involved in anti-government military activities in the Shinwar, Achin, Naziyan and Dur Baba Districts of the Nangarhar Province. As of 2009 he was engaged in organizing militant activities throughout the eastern region, particularly in the Nangarhar Province and Jalalabad City.

(2) **Abdul Qadeer Basir Abdul Baseer** (*alias* (a) Abdul Qadir, (b) Ahmad Haji, (c) Abdul Qadir Haqqani, (d) Abdul Qadir Basir).

Title: (a) General, (b) Maulavi. **Grounds for listing**: Military Attaché, Taliban Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan. **Date of birth**: 1964. **Place of birth:** (a) Surkh Rod District, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, (b) Hisarak District, Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality**: Afghan. **Passport No:** D 000974 (Afghan passport). **Date of UN designation**: 25.1.2001.

Other information: Financial advisor to Taliban Peshawar Military Council and Head of Taliban Peshawar Financial Commission. Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 21 Jul. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/1474039

Additional information from the narrative summary of reasons for listing provided by the Sanctions Committee:

Abdul Qadeer Abdul Baseer served as a treasurer for the Taliban in Peshawar, Pakistan, as at 2009. He was the financial advisor to the Taliban's Peshawar Military Council and the head of the Taliban's Peshawar Financial Commission as at early 2010. He personally delivers money from the Taliban's leadership shura to Taliban groups throughout Pakistan.

(3) **Amir Abdullah** (*alias* Amir Abdullah Sahib).

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/404. (See end of Document for details)*

Grounds for listing: Former Kandahar Province Deputy Taliban Governor. **Address:** Karachi, Pakistan. **Date of birth**: Approximately 1972. **Place of birth:** Paktika Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality:** Afghan. **Date of UN designation:**20.7.2010.

Other information: Has travelled to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the United Arab Emirates to raise funds for the Taliban. Treasurer to Abdul Ghani Baradar Abdul Ahmad Turk. Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/1621271

Additional information from the narrative summary of reasons for listing provided by the Sanctions Committee:

Amir Abdullah has served as treasurer to senior Taliban leader Abdul Ghani Baradar and was the former deputy to the Taliban governor of Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. Amir Abdullah has travelled to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Libya and the United Arab Emirates to raise funds for the Taliban. He has also facilitated communications for Taliban leadership and coordinated high-level meetings at the guesthouse of his residence in Pakistan. Abdullah helped many senior Taliban members who fled Afghanistan in 2001 to settle in Pakistan.

(4) **Abdul Manan Mohammad Ishak.**

Title: Maulavi. **Grounds for listing**: (a) First Secretary, Taliban Embassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, (b) Commercial Attaché, Taliban Embassy, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. **Date of birth**: Between 1940 and 1941. **Place of Birth**: Siyachoy village, Panjwai District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality**: Afghan. **Date of UN designation**: 25.1.2001.

Other information: Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 27 Jul. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/4652765

Additional information from the narrative summary of reasons for listing provided by the Sanctions Committee:

Abdul Manan Mohammad Ishak was also First Secretary at the Taliban Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during the Taliban regime. He later became a senior Taliban commander in Paktia, Paktika and Khost Provinces of eastern Afghanistan. He was also responsible for the movement of Taliban fighters and weapons across the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

(5) **Abdul Rahman Agha.**

Title: Maulavi. **Grounds for listing:** Chief Justice of Military Court under the Taliban regime. **Date of birth:** Approximately 1958. **Place of birth:** Arghandab District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality:** (a) Afghan, (b) Pakistani. **Date of UN designation:**25.1.2001.

Other information: Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 29 Jul. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/1427565

(6) **Janan Agha** (*alias* Abdullah Jan Agha).

Title: Mullah. **Grounds for listing:** Governor of Faryab Province under the Taliban regime. **Date of birth:** (a) Approximately 1958, (b) Approximately 1953. **Place of birth:** Tirin Kot city, Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality:** Afghan. **Date of UN designation:**23.2.2001.

Other information: Member of Taliban Supreme Council and advisor to Mullah Mohammed Omar as at June 2010. Leads a Taliban 'front' (mahaz) as of mid-2013. Believed to be in

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Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. Belongs to Sadat ethnic group. Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 23 Jul. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/1428048

(7) **Sayed Mohammad Azim Agha** (*alias* (a) Sayed Mohammad Azim Agha, (b) Agha Saheb).

Title: Maulavi. **Grounds for listing:** Director of the Passport and Visa Department in the Ministry of Interior under the Taliban regime. **Date of birth:** (a) Approximately 1966, (b) Approximately 1969. **Place of birth:** Panjwai District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality:** Afghan. **Date of UN designation**: 23.2.2001.

Other information: Directs a Taliban 'front' (mahaz) and serves as member of the military commission of the Taliban as of mid-2013. Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 23 Jul. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/1427409

Additional information from the narrative summary of reasons for listing provided by the Sanctions Committee:

Sayed Mohammad Azim Agha's post as an employee of the Passport and Visa Department came under the Ministry of Interior of the Taliban regime.

(8) **Sayyed Ghiassouddine Agha** (*alias* (a) Sayed Ghiasuddin Sayed Ghousuddin, (b) Sayyed Ghayasudin, (c) Sayed Ghias).

Title: Maulavi. **Grounds for listing:** (a) Minister of Haj and Religious Affairs under the Taliban regime, (b) Education Minister under the Taliban regime. **Date of birth:** Approximately 1961. **Place of birth:** Kohistan District, Faryab Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality:** Afghan. **Date of UN designation:**31.1.2001.

Other information: Taliban member responsible for Faryab, Jawzjan, Sari Pul and Balkh Provinces, Afghanistan as at June 2010. Involved in drug trafficking. Member of Taliban Supreme Council and Taliban Military Council as at December 2009. Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. Belongs to Sadat ethnic group. Review pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1822 (2008) was concluded on 27 Jul. 2010. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/notice/search/un/4652713

Additional information from the narrative summary of reasons for listing provided by the Sanctions Committee:

Sayyed Ghiassouddine Agha also served as Education Minister of the Taliban regime. He was also the Taliban member responsible for the Faryab, Jawzjan, Sari Pul and Balkh Provinces, Afghanistan, as at June 2010. He was a member of the Taliban Supreme Council and the Taliban Military Council as at December 2009. He is believed to be involved in drug trafficking.

(9) **Mohammad Ahmadi.**

Title: (a) Mullah, (b) Haji. **Grounds for listing:** (a) President of Central Bank (Da Afghanistan Bank) under the Taliban regime, (b) Minister of Finance under the Taliban regime. **Date of birth:** Approximately 1963. **Place of birth:** (a) Daman District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, (b) Pashmul village, Panjwai District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. **Nationality:** Afghan. **Date of UN designation:**23.2.2001

Other information: Believed to be in Afghanistan/Pakistan border area. Belongs to Kakar tribe. He is a member of the Taliban Supreme Council. Review pursuant to Security Council