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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 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine[(1)], and in particular Article 14(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

(2) Following the organisation by the Russian Federation of State Duma elections in the illegally annexed Crimea and Sevastopol, the Council considers that six persons should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

(3) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The persons listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to the list set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

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) 2016/1955. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 8 November 2016.

For the Council

The President

P. KAŽIMÍR

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ANNEX

List of persons referred to in Article 1

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
‘152.	Ruslan Ismailovich BALBEK Руслан Исмаилович Бальбек	DOB: 28.8.1977 POB: Bekabad, Uzbekistan SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Deputy Chairperson of the Duma Committee on ethnic affairs. In 2014 Balbek was appointed as a Deputy Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the so-called “Republic of Crimea” and worked in this capacity for the integration of the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula into the Russian Federation, for which he has been awarded with a medal “For the Defence of Republic of Crimea”. He has supported the annexation of Crimea in public statements, including on his profile on the United Russia (Crimean branch) website and a press article published	9.11.2016

			on NTV website on 3 July 2016.	
153.	Konstantin Mikhailovich BAKHAREV Константин Михайлович Бахарев	DOB: 20.10.1972 POB: Simferopol Ukrainian SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Member of the Duma Committee on Financial Markets. In March 2014 Bakharev was appointed as a Deputy Chairperson of the State Council of the so-called "Republic of Crimea", and in August 2014 as First Deputy Chairperson of that body. He has admitted his personal involvement in the events of 2014 that led to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, which he has publicly supported, including in an interview published on gazetakrimea.ru website on 22 March 2016 and c-pravda.ru website on 23 August 2016. He has been awarded with the order "For loyalty to	9.11.2016

			duty" by the "authorities" of "Republic of Crimea".	
154.	Dmitry Anatolievich BELIK Дмитрий Анатольевич Белик	DOB: 17.10.1969 POB: Kular Ust-Yansky District, Yakut Autonomous SSR	Member of the State Duma, elected from the illegally annexed city of Sevastopol. Member of the Duma Committee on Taxation. As a member of the Sevastopol municipal administration in February-March 2014 he supported the activities of the so-called "People's Mayor" Alexei Chaliy. He has publicly admitted his involvement in the events of 2014 that led to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, which he has publicly defended, including on his personal website and in an interview published on 21 February 2016 on nation-news.ru website. For his involvement in the annexation process he has been awarded with Russian	9.11.2016