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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 1352/2014 of 18 December 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen[(1)], and in particular Article 15(3) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 18 December 2014, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014.

(2) On 26 August 2016, the United Nations Security Council Committee, established pursuant to paragraph 19 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2140 (2014), updated the information relating to two persons subject to restrictive measures.

(3) Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014 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*.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 2016.

For the Council

The President

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Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1737. (See end of Document for details)*

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ANNEX

In the list of persons and entities, set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1352/2014, entries No 2 and No 4 under Section A 'Persons' are replaced by the following:

2. **Abd Al-Khaliq Al-Houthi** (*aliases:* (a) Abd-al-Khaliq al-Huthi; (b) Abd-al-Khaliq Badr-al-Din al Huthi; (c) 'Abd al-Khaliq Badr al-Din al-Huthi; (d) Abd al-Khaliq al-Huthi; (e) Abu-Yunus).

Original script: عبدالخالق الحوثي

Designation: Huthi military commander. **Date of Birth:** 1984. **Nationality:** Yemen. **Other information:** Gender: Male. Date of UN designation: 7.11.2014 (amended on 20.11.2014, 26.8.2016).

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

Abd al-Khaliq al-Houthi was designated for sanctions on 7 November 2014 pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 15 of UNSCR 2140 (2014), as meeting the designation criteria set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Resolution.

Abd al-Khaliq al-Houthi has engaged in acts that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Yemen, such as acts that obstruct the implementation of the agreement of 23 November 2011 between the Government of Yemen and those in opposition to it, which provides for a peaceful transition of power in Yemen, and acts that obstruct the political process in Yemen.

In late October 2013, Abd al-Khaliq al-Houthi led a group of fighters dressed in Yemeni military uniforms in an attack on locations in Dimaj, Yemen. The ensuing fighting resulted in multiple deaths.

In late September 2014, an unknown number of unidentified fighters allegedly were prepared to attack diplomatic facilities in Sana'a, Yemen, upon receiving orders from Abd al-Khaliq al-Houthi. On 30 August 2014, al-Houthi coordinated to move weapons from Amran to a protest camp in Sana'a..

4. **Abdulmalik al-Houthi** (*alias:* Abdulmalik al-Huthi)

Other information: Leader of Yemen's Houthi Movement. Has engaged in acts that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Yemen. **Date of UN designation:**14.4.2015 (amended on 26.08.2016).

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

Abdulmalik al-Houthi was designated for sanctions on 14 April 2015 pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 15 of resolution 2140 (2014) and paragraph 14 of resolution 2216 (2015).

Abdul Malik al-Houthi is a leader of a group that has engaged in acts that threaten the peace, security, or stability of Yemen.

In September 2014, Houthi forces captured Sana'a and in January 2015 they attempted to unilaterally replace the legitimate government of Yemen with an illegitimate governing authority that the Houthis dominated. Al-Houthi assumed the leadership of Yemen's Houthi movement in 2004 after the death of his brother, Hussein Badredden al-Houthi. As leader of the group, al-Houthi has repeatedly threatened Yemeni authorities with further unrest if they do not respond to his demands and detained President Hadi, Prime Minister, and key cabinet members.