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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[(1)], and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

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

(2) Two persons should no longer be kept on the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

(3) The information relating to certain persons listed in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should be updated.

(4) 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 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.

Done at Brussels, 27 May 2016.

For the Council

The President

A.G. KOENDERS

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/840. (See end of Document for details)*

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ANNEX

I.The entries concerning the following persons are deleted from the list set out in Section A of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012:

No 15. Mohamed Farahat (a.k.a. Muhammad Farahat)

No 17. Muhammad (محمد) Nasif (ناصيف) (a.k.a. Naseef, Nassif, Nasseef) Khayrbik (خير بك)

II. The entries concerning the persons listed below, as set out in Section A of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012, are replaced by the following entries:

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
8.	Rami (رامي) Makhlouf (مخلوف)	Born: 10 July 1969; Place of birth: Damascus; passport No 454224	Leading businessman operating in Syria with interests in the telecommunications, financial services, transport and property sectors; he has financial interest in and/ or holds senior and executive positions in Syriatel, the leading mobile telephone operator in Syria, the investment funds Al Mashreq, Bena Properties and Cham Holding. He furnishes financing and support to the Syrian regime, through his business interests. He is an influential member of the Makhlouf family and closely connected	9.5.2011

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			to the Assad family; cousin of President Bashar al-Assad.	
18.	Mohammed (محمد) Hamcho (حمشو)	Born: 20 May 1966; Passport No 002954347	Leading businessman operating in Syria, with interests in the engineering and construction, media, hospitality and health sector. He has financial interest in and/ or holds senior and executive positions within a number of companies in Syria, in particular Hamsho international, Hamsho Communication, Mhg International, Jupiter for Investment and Tourism project and Syria Metal industries. He plays an important role in the business community in Syria as general secretary of the Damascus Chamber of Commerce (appointed by the then Minister for economy Khodr Orfali in December 2014), chairman of the China-Syria Bilateral Business	27.1.2015

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			Councils (since March 2014) and chairman of the Syrian Metal and Steel Council (since December 2015). He has close business relationships with key figures of the Syrian regime, including Maher Al-Assad. Mohammed Hamcho benefits from and provides support to the Syrian regime through his business interests, and is associated with persons benefiting from and providing support to this regime.	
22.	Ihab (إيهاب) (a.k.a. Ehab, Iehab) Makhlouf (مخلوف)	Born: 21 January 1973; Place of birth: Damascus; Passport No N002848852	Leading businessman operating in Syria. Ihab Makhlouf is Vice President of, and shareholder in Syriatel, the leading mobile telephone operator in Syria. He also has business interests in several other Syrian companies and entities, including Ramak Construction Co and Syrian International Private	23.5.2011