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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 13 November 2017 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074[(1)] concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela.

(2) The statement of reasons for three persons listed in Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 should be updated, and the gender of all persons listed in that Annex should be included in the identifying information.

(3) Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 8 July 2019.

For the Council

The President

A.-K. PEKONEN

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ANNEX

In Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074, entries 1 to 18 are replaced by the following entries:

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
‘1.	Néstor Luis Reverol Torres	Date of birth: 28 October 1964 Gender: male	Minister for Interior, Justice and Peace; former Commander General of the Bolivarian National Guard. Responsible for serious human rights violations and repression of the democratic opposition in Venezuela, including the prohibition and repression of political demonstrations.	22.1.2018
2.	Gustavo Enrique González López	Date of birth: 2 November 1960 Gender: male	Reappointed as Head of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) on 30 April 2019. Formerly Security and Intelligence Adviser for the President's office from 8 January 2019 to 30 April 2019 and Head of SEBIN until October 2018. As Head of SEBIN, responsible for serious human rights violations (including arbitrary detention, inhuman and	22.1.2018

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			degrading treatment, and torture) and repression of civil society and the democratic opposition in Venezuela.	
3.	Tibisay Lucena Ramírez	Date of birth: 26 April 1959 Gender: female	President of the National Electoral Council (*Consejo Nacional Electoral* – CNE). Her actions and policies have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by facilitating the establishment of the Constituent Assembly by failing to ensure that the CNE remains an impartial and independent institution in accordance with the Venezuelan Constitution.	22.1.2018
4.	Antonio José Benavides Torres	Date of birth: 13 June 1961 Gender: male	Chief of the Capital District (*Distrito Capital*) Government until January 2018. General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 21 June 2017. Involved in repression of civil society and democratic opposition in	22.1.2018

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			Venezuela, and responsible for serious human rights violations committed by the Bolivarian National Guard under his command. His actions and policies as General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard, including the Bolivarian National Guard taking the lead in the policing of civilian demonstrations and publicly advocating that military courts should have jurisdiction over civilians, have undermined the rule of law in Venezuela.	
5.	Maikel José Moreno Pérez	Date of birth: 12 December 1965 Gender: male	President, and former Vice President, of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela (*Tribunal Supremo de Justicia*). In these roles, he has supported and facilitated the Government's actions and policies which have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, and is responsible	22.1.2018

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			for actions and statements that have usurped the authority of the National Assembly.	
6.	Tarek William Saab Halabi	Date of birth: 10 September 1963 Gender: male	Venezuelan Attorney General appointed by the Constituent Assembly. In this role and previous roles as Ombudsman and President of the Republican Moral Council, he has undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela by publicly supporting actions against opponents of the Government and the withdrawal of competences from the National Assembly.	22.1.2018
7.	Diosdado Cabello Rondón	Date of birth: 15 April 1963 Gender: male	President of the Constituent Assembly and First Vice President of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV). Involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by using the media to publicly attack and threaten political	22.1.2018