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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria[(1)] and in particular Article 30(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 31 May 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(2) In view of the fact that prominent businessmen are making large profits through their ties with the regime and are helping to finance the regime in return, including through the joint ventures formed by certain prominent businessmen and entities with State-backed companies to develop expropriated land, those businessmen and entities are supporting and benefiting from the Assad regime including through the use of expropriated property.

(3) Furthermore, the expropriation of land by the Assad regime from persons displaced by the conflict in Syria prevents those persons from being able to return to their homes.

(4) Eleven natural persons and five entities should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

(5) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/87. (See end of Document for details)*

Done at Brussels, 21 January 2019.

For the Council

The President

F. MOGHERINI

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ANNEX

1. The following persons are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons) of Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP:

	Name	**Identifying information**	**Reasons**	**Date of listing**
‘264.	Anas Talas (a.k.a. طلس أنس; Anas Talous/ Tals/Tuls/Tlass)	Gender: male Position: Chairman of the Talas Group Date of birth: 25 March 1971 Nationality: Syrian	Leading businessperson operating in Syria, with interests and activities in multiple sectors of Syria's economy. Through his business activities and investments, Anas Talas also benefits from and/or supports the Syrian regime. In 2018 the Talas Group, chaired by Anas Talas, entered into a SYP 23 billion joint venture with Damascus Cham Holding for the construction of Marota City, a regime-backed luxury residential and commercial development.	21.1.2019
265.	Nazir Ahmad JamalEddine (a.k.a. أحمد نذير محمد جمال الدين; Nazir Ahmad, Mohammed JamalEddine)	Gender: male Position: Cofounder and majority shareholder of Apex Development and Projects LLC and founder of A'ayan Company for	Leading businessperson operating in Syria with significant investments in the construction industry, including a controlling 90 % stake in Apex Development	21.1.2019

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		Projects and Equipment Date of birth: 1962 Nationality: Syrian	and Projects LLC, which has entered into a USD 34,8 million joint venture for the construction of Marota City, a regime-backed luxury residential and commercial development. Through his participation in the Marota City development, Nazir Ahmad JamalEddine benefits from and/or supports the Syrian regime.	
266.	Mazin Al-Tarazi (a.k.a. مازن التَرزي; Mazen al-Tarazi)	Gender: male Position: Businessperson Date of birth: September 1962 Nationality: Syrian	Leading businessperson operating in Syria, with significant investments in the construction and aviation sectors. Through his investments and activities, Mazin Al-Tarazi benefits from and/or supports the Syrian regime. In particular, Al-Tarazi has concluded a deal with Damascus Cham Holdings for a USD 320 million investment in the construction of Marota City, a regime-backed luxury residential and	21.1.2019

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			commercial development; he has also been granted a licence for a private airline in Syria.	
267.	Samer Foz (a.k.a. Samir (سامر) Foz (فوز)/Fawz; Samer Zuhair Foz)	Gender: male Position: CEO of Aman Group Date of birth: May 1973 Place of birth: Latakia, Syria Nationalities: Syrian, Turkish Other information: Executive President of Aman Group. Subsidiaries: Foz for Trading, Al-Mohaimen for Transportation & Contracting. Aman Group is the private sector partner in Joint Venture Aman Damascus JSC with Damascus Cham Holding, in which Foz is an individual shareholder. Emmar Industries is a joint venture between Aman Group and the Hamisho Group, in which Foz has the majority stake and is the Chairman.	Leading businessperson operating in Syria, with interests and activities in multiple sectors of Syria's economy, including a regime-backed joint venture involved in the development of Marota City, a luxury residential and commercial development. Samer Foz provides financial and other support to the regime, including funding the Military Security Shield Forces in Syria and brokering grain deals. He also benefits financially from access to commercial opportunities through the wheat trade and reconstruction projects as a result of his links to the regime.	21.1.2019
268.	Khaldoun Al-Zoubi	Gender: male Position: Vice-president of Aman Holding	Leading businessperson operating in Syria, with	21.1.2019