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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 (CFSP) 2017/1775 of 28 September 2017 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali[(1)] and in particular Article 3 thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 28 September 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775.

(2) On 20 December 2018, the United Nations Security Council Sanctions Committee established by paragraph 9 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2374 (2017) added three persons to the list of persons subject to the travel ban set out in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Resolution 2374 (2017).

(3) The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 is hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 9 January 2019.

*For the Council*

*The President*

G. CIAMBA

**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2019/29. (See end of Document for details)*

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ANNEX

A.List of persons referred to in Article 1(1)

1. **Ahmoudou AG ASRIW (alias: a) Amadou Ag Isriw; b) Ahmedou; c) Ahmadou; d) Isrew; e) Isereoui; f) Isriou)**

Date of birth: 1 Jan. 1982

Nationality: Mali

Address: a) Mali; b) Amassine, Mali (previous location)

Date of UN designation: 20 Dec. 2018

**Other information:** Gender: male. Possibly arrested in Niger in October 2016. Webpage: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu2efaIUosqEu1HEBs2zJIw
***Additional information***

Ahmoudou Ag Asriw was listed on 20 December 2018 pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 of resolution 2374 (2017) for engaging in hostilities in violation of the Agreement; and acting for or on behalf of or at the direction of or otherwise supporting or financing individuals and entities identified in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 8 of resolution 2374 (2017), including through the proceeds from organised crime, including the production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and their precursors originating in or transiting through Mali, the trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, the smuggling and trafficking of arms as well as the trafficking in cultural property.

Ahmoudou Ag Asriw is a senior commander of the Groupe autodéfense touareg Imghad et allies (GATIA) and has in this capacity been involved in leading drug convoys in northern Mali at least since October 2016, as well as ceasefire violations in Kidal region in July 2017 and April 2018.

In April 2018 Asriw led a convoy, together with a member of the Mouvement arabe de l'Azawad (MAA) Plateforme, trafficking four tons of cannabis resin from Tabankort, via Ammasine, Kidal region, towards Niger. The convoy was attacked by Coordination des Mouvements de l'Azawad members and unidentified assailants from Niger. Three combatants were killed during clashes that followed.

As such, motivated by competition over drug convoys, Asriw has engaged in hostilities in violation of the 2015 Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali. In turn, Asriw's involvement in drug trafficking is highly likely to finance his military operations, including ceasefire violations.

2. **Mahamadou AG RHISSA (alias: Mohamed Talhandak)**

Date of birth: 1 Jan. 1983

Nationality: Mali

Address: Kidal, Mali

Date of UN designation: 20 Dec. 2018

**Other information:** Gender: male. On 1 October 2017 French forces raided his house, arresting Ag Rhissa and six family members.
***Additional information***