

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1943

of 13 October 2022

amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua

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 14 October 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 ⁽¹⁾ concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua.
- (2) Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 applies until 15 October 2022. On the basis of a review of that Decision, the restrictive measures set out therein should be extended until 15 October 2023 and the statement of reasons for two natural persons listed in the Annex thereto updated.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 9 is replaced by the following:

'Article 9

This Decision shall apply until 15 October 2023 and shall be kept under constant review. It shall be renewed, or amended as appropriate, if the Council deems that its objectives have not been met.;

- (2) the Annex is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 13 October 2022.

For the Council
The President
P. BLAŽEK

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 of 14 October 2019 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua (OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 58).

ANNEX

In the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720, under the heading 'A. Natural persons referred to in Articles 1(1) and 2(1)', entries 3 and 19 are replaced by the following:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'3.	Francisco Javier DÍAZ MADRIZ	Date of birth: 3 August 1961 Gender: male	General Director of the Nicaraguan National Police (NNP) since 23 August 2018 and former Deputy General Director of NNP. Responsible for serious human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Nicaragua, including by leading police forces committing violence against civilians, including excessive use of force, arbitrary arrests and detentions and torture. In 2021, he carried out the investigations to set up cases against the opposition leaders arrested before the elections.	4.5.2020
19.	Lumberto Ignacio CAMPBELL HOOKER	Member of the Supreme Electoral Council, acting President of the Supreme Electoral Council in 2018 Date of birth: 3.12.1949 Place of birth: Raas, Nicaragua Gender: male Nationality: Nicaraguan Passport number: A00001109 (Nicaragua) ID number: 6010302490003J	Lumberto Ignacio Campbell Hooker has been since 2014 a member of the Supreme Electoral Council (SEC) – a body responsible for the preparation, holding and certification of the general elections of 7 November 2021 which, by their lack of transparency, true opposition and democratic debate, undermined democratic institutions and processes. The SEC deprived the opposition of the opportunity to stand for free elections and ensured the organisation of polls in non-democratic conditions. His mandate as member of the SEC was renewed by the General Assembly in May 2021. He spoke to the media during the 7 November 2021 elections, justifying and praising their organisation. He is therefore responsible for the repression of democratic opposition and for undermining democracy and the rule of law in Nicaragua.	10.1.2022'