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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2025/1070

of 26 May 2025

amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Russia

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 27 May 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484 (1).
- (2) On the basis of a review of Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484, the restrictive measures set out therein should be renewed until 28 May 2026.
- (3) The Council considers that the entries for two natural persons should be amended.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 11 is replaced by the following:

'Article 11

This Decision shall apply until 28 May 2026.

This Decision 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.

The exceptions referred to in Article 2(7), as regards Article 2(1) and (2), shall be reviewed at regular intervals and at least every 12 months or at the urgent request of any Member State, of the High Representative or of the Commission following a fundamental change in circumstances.';

(2) the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484 is amended in accordance with 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 Brussels, 26 May 2025.

For the Council

The President

C. SIEKIERSKI

⁽¹) Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484 of 27 May 2024 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Russia (OJ L, 2024/1484, 27.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1484/oj).

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In the Annex to Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484, in section 'A. Natural persons', entries number 11 and 18 are replaced by the following:

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
'11 .	Kirill Sergeevich NIKIFOROV (Кирилл Сергеевич НИКИФОРОВ)	Position: Judge of the Regional Court of Vladimir Oblast Former judge of the Kovrov City Court of Vladimir Oblast DOB: 14.3.1992 Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Kirill Sergeevich Nikiforov was a judge of the Kovrov City Court of Vladimir Oblast. As from 2022, he was directly involved in creating and maintaining torturous conditions for Alexei Navalny through repeatedly rejecting Alexei Navalny's claims against the IK-6 penal colony regarding his treatment, where he was serving a 12-year sentence imposed as a result of politically motivated prosecution. Therefore, Kirill Sergeevich Nikiforov is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, arbitrary detentions, and the systematic violation of freedom of opinion and expression. He remains active in the judicial system in Russia and in December 2024 he was promoted to the position of judge of the Regional Court of Vladimir Oblast.	27.5.2024

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18.	Oksana Vasilyevna DEMYASHEVA (Оксана Васильевна ДЕМЯШЕВА)	District Court of Saint Petersburg Former judge of the Vasileostrovsky District Court of Saint Petersburg DOB: 10.3.1980 Nationality: Russian Gender: female	In her former position as judge of the Vasileostrovsky District Court of Saint Petersburg, Oksana Vasilyevna Demyasheva sentenced Alexandra Skochilenko, an artist, to seven years in prison on politically-motivated charges for spreading so-called "fake news" about the Russian army. Skochilenko was arrested for replacing price tags at a supermarket with anti-war stickers. She became one of the first people charged under the newly passed criminal law outlawing so-called "fake news" about the Russian army, her trial attracting wide public attention for the unprecedented pressure Skochilenko faced from the jail administration, the judge, and the prosecution. Therefore, Oksana Vasilyevna Demyasheva is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia by violating freedom of opinion and expression. She remains active in the judicial system in Russia and in June 2024 was appointed to the position of deputy chairperson of the Kalininsky District Court of Saint Petersburg.	

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