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**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/2999**  
**of 2 December 2024**  
**implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 of 7 December 2020 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 14(4) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 7 December 2020, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2020/1998.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 14(4) of Regulation (EU) 2020/1998, the Council has reviewed the list of natural or legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to that Regulation. On the basis of that review, the entries concerning 31 natural persons and nine entities should be updated. The entry concerning a deceased person should be deleted.
- (3) Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex I to Council Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

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

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 December 2024.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 410 I, 7.12.2020, p. 1.

ANNEX

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 is amended as follows:

- (1) in section ‘A. Natural persons’, entry 16 is deleted;
- (2) in section ‘A. Natural persons’, the entries for the following 31 natural persons are replaced by the following:

	Names (Transliteration into Latin script)	Names	Identifying information	Reasons for listing	Date of listing
‘1.	Alexander (Alexandr) Petrovich KALASHNIKOV	Александр Петрович КАЛАШНИКОВ (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Former director of the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service (FSIN)  DOB: 27.1.1964  POB: Tatarsk, Novosibirsk Region/Oblast, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation)  Nationality: Russian  Gender: male  ID Number: 771670606787	Alexander Kalashnikov was the director of the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service (FSIN) from 8 October 2019 until 25 November 2021. In that position, he oversaw all activities of the FSIN. In his capacity as director of the FSIN, he was responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests and detentions.  While Alexei Navalny was recovering in Germany (September 2020 – January 2021) after having been poisoned with a toxic nerve agent of the Novichok group, on 28 December 2020 FSIN demanded that he immediately present himself to a probation officer or face a prison sentence for violating a suspended sentence for fraud conviction. That fraud conviction was found to be arbitrary and unfair by the European Court of Human Rights in 2018. On 17 January 2021, acting on the orders of Alexander Kalashnikov, FSIN officers detained Alexei Navalny upon his arrival at Moscow airport.  Alexei Navalny’s arrest is based on a decision by the Khimki city court, which in turn was issued at the request of FSIN. In late December 2020, FSIN had already requested that a court replace Alexei Nalvany’s suspended sentence with a prison term. On 17 February 2021, the European Court of Human Rights ordered the Government of Russia to release Alexei Navalny.	2.3.2021

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2.	Alexander (Alexandr) Ivanovich BASTRYKIN	Александр Иванович БАСТРЫКИН	<p>Position(s): Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation</p> <p>DOB: 27.8.1953</p> <p>POB: Pskov, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation)</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>ID Number: 782618375392</p>	<p>Alexander Bastrykin has served as chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation (the “Committee”) since January 2011 (and as acting chairman from October to December 2010). In that position, he oversees all activities of the Committee. Officially, the Committee is presided over by the Russian President. In Alexander Bastrykin's capacity as chairman of the Committee, he is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests and detentions.</p> <p>Alexander Bastrykin is responsible for the Committee's widespread and systematic repressive campaigns against the Russian opposition, targeting and investigating its members. On 29 December 2020, the Committee launched an investigation into the opposition leader Alexei Navalny, charging him with large-scale fraud. Alexei Navalny and others published articles on Alexander Bastrykin's ownership of Czech real estate firm LAW Bohemia in the 2000s.</p> <p>In 2022, the Investigative Committee, which Alexander Bastrykin is still chairing, charged 92 Ukrainian soldiers with crimes against humanity during Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.</p>	2.3.2021

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4.	Viktor Vasilievich (Vasilyevich) ZOLOTOV	Виктор Васильевич ЗОЛОТОВ	<p>Position(s): Director of the Federal Service of National Guard Troops of the Russian Federation (Rosgvardia)</p> <p>DOB: 27.1.1954</p> <p>POB: Sasovo, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation)</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>ID Number: 770600283509</p>	<p>Viktor Zolotov has been the Director of the Federal Service of National Guard Troops of the Russian Federation (Rosgvardia) since 5 April 2016 and, therefore, Commander-in-Chief of the National Guard Troops of the Russian Federation, as well as Commander of OMON – the Special Purpose Mobile Unit integrated in Rosgvardia. In that position, he oversees all activities of Rosgvardia and OMON troops. In his capacity as Director of Rosgvardia, he is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests and detentions and systematic and widespread violations of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, in particular by violently repressing protests and demonstrations.</p> <p>Rosgvardia was employed to quell the pro-Navalny protests of 23 January and 21 April 2021, and many OMON and National Guard officers were reported to have used brutality and violence against protesters. Dozens of journalists were targeted with aggression by the security forces, including Meduza's correspondent Kristina Safronova, who was hit by an OMON officer, and Novaya Gazeta's journalist Yelizaveta Kirpanova, who was hit on the head with a truncheon leaving her bleeding. During the 23 January 2021 protests, security forces arbitrarily detained more than 300 minors.</p>	2.3.2021

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6.	WANG Junzheng	王君正 (Chinese spelling)	<p>Position(s): Member of the 20th Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Central Committee (December 2022 – December 2026); Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC, February 2023 – February 2027); Party Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR); Director of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) (since May 2024); former Party Secretary of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC), and Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region; Political commissar of the XPCC and CEO of the China Xinjian Group</p> <p>DOB: May 1963</p> <p>POB: Linyi, Shandong (China)</p> <p>Nationality: Chinese</p> <p>Gender: male</p>	<p>Party Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) since October 2021. Member of the 20th Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Central Committee (December 2022 – December 2026). Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC, February 2023 – February 2027).</p> <p>Former Party Secretary of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC) and Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) from April 2020 to October 2021, as well as Political commissar of the XPCC from May 2020 to October 2021. Former Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the XUAR, from February 2019 to September 2020. Wang Junzheng also held other senior posts in the XPCC.</p> <p>The XPCC is a state-owned economic and paramilitary organisation in the XUAR, which exercises administrative authority and controls economic activities in Xinjiang.</p> <p>As Party Secretary and Political commissar of the XPCC, Wang Junzheng was involved in overseeing all policies implemented by the XPCC. In that position, he was responsible for serious human rights violations in China, in particular large-scale arbitrary detentions and degrading treatment inflicted upon Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities, as well as systematic violations of their freedom of religion or belief, linked, inter alia, to the XPCC's implementation of a large-scale surveillance, detention and indoctrination programme targeting Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities.</p> <p>He was also responsible for the XPCC's systematic use of Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities as a forced workforce, in particular in cotton fields.</p> <p>As Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of the XUAR, Wang Junzheng was involved in overseeing all the security policies implemented in Xinjiang, including the aforementioned programme targeting Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities. As Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the XUAR from February 2019 to September 2020, Wang Junzheng was responsible for maintaining internal security and law enforcement in the XUAR. As such, he held a key political position in charge of overseeing and implementing the aforementioned programme.</p>	22.3.2021

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7.	WANG Mingshan	王明山 (Chinese spelling)	<p>Position(s): Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC, February 2023 – February 2027); Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the Party Committee of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR)</p> <p>DOB: January 1964</p> <p>POB: Wuwei, Gansu (China)</p> <p>Nationality: Chinese</p> <p>Gender: male</p>	<p>Deputy Director (since February 2024) and former member of the Standing Committee of the Party Committee of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR). Deputy of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC, February 2023 – February 2027).</p> <p>Former Director and Deputy Party Secretary of the Xinjiang Public Security Bureau (XPSB) between 2017 and January 2021.</p> <p>As Deputy Director and former Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee of the XUAR (September 2020 – February 2024), Wang Mingshan is responsible for maintaining internal security and law enforcement in the XUAR. As such, he holds a key political position in charge of overseeing a large-scale surveillance, detention and indoctrination programme targeting Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities.</p> <p>As Former Director and Deputy Party Secretary of the XPSB (2017 to January 2021), he held a key position in Xinjiang's security apparatus and was directly responsible for implementing the aforementioned programme. In particular, the XPSB has deployed the "Integrated Joint Operations Platform" (IJOP), a big data programme used to track millions of Uyghurs in the Xinjiang region and flag those deemed "potentially threatening" to be sent to detention camps.</p> <p>In his current position and due to his former functions, Wang Mingshan is responsible for serious human rights violations in China, in particular large-scale arbitrary detentions and degrading treatment inflicted upon Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities, as well as systematic violations of their freedom of religion or belief.</p>	22.3.2021

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8.	CHEN Mingguo	陈明国 (Chinese spelling)	<p>Position(s): Secretary of Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR); Member of the CCP Standing Committee of the XUAR.</p> <p>DOB: October 1966</p> <p>POB: Yilong, Sichuan (China)</p> <p>Nationality: Chinese</p> <p>Gender: male</p>	<p>Secretary of Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) and Member of the CCP Standing Committee of the XUAR since February 2024.</p> <p>Former Director of the Xinjiang Public Security Bureau (XPSB) since January 2021 and Vice-Chairman of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR) People's Government.</p> <p>As Secretary of Political and Legal Affairs Commission of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR), Member of the CCP Standing Committee of the XUAR and former Director of the XPSB, Chen Mingguo holds a key position in Xinjiang's security apparatus and is directly involved in implementing a large-scale surveillance, detention and indoctrination programme targeting Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities. In particular, the XPSB has deployed the "Integrated Joint Operations Platform" (IJOP), a big data programme used to track millions of Uyghurs in the Xinjiang region and flag those deemed "potentially threatening" to be sent to detention camps. Chen Mingguo is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in China, in particular arbitrary detentions and degrading treatment inflicted upon Uyghurs and people from other Muslim ethnic minorities, as well as systematic violations of their freedom of religion or belief.</p>	22.3.2021

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13.	Aiub Vakhaevich KATAEV (a.k.a. Ayubkhan Vakhaevich KATAEV)	Аюб Вахаевич КАТАЕВ (a.k.a. Аюбхан Вахаевич КАТАЕВ) (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Former Head of Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the city of Argun in the Chechen Republic DOB: 1.12.1983 POB: Ilyinsky, Chechnya Nationality: Russian ID Number: 200505588830, 014112081090 Gender: male	Head of Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in the city of Argun in the Chechen Republic until 2018.  In his capacity as Head of Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in Argun, Aiub Kataev oversaw the activities of local state security and police agencies. In this position, he personally oversaw widespread and systematic persecutions in Chechnya, which began in 2017. The repressions are directed against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons, those presumed to belong to LGBTI groups, and other individuals suspected of being opponents of the Head of the Chechen Republic, Ramzan Kadyrov. Aiub Kataev and forces formerly under his command are responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, in particular torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, as well as arbitrary arrests and detentions and extrajudicial or arbitrary executions and killings.  According to numerous witnesses, Aiub Kataev personally supervised and took part in torturing detainees.	22.3.2021
20.	Aleksandr Grigorievitch MALOLETKO	Александр Григорьевич МАЛОЛЕТКО (Russian spelling)		Aleksandr Maloletko was a close collaborator of Yevgeny Prigozhin. His action as a “defender of the Motherland” and as the Head of the “Veteran’s Interests Defenders League” was publicly hailed by Yevgeny Prigozhin. He has been working as an instructor for the Wagner Group in the Central African Republic (CAR). He is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses in several countries, including in CAR, and is responsible for supporting the acts of the Wagner Group.	25.2.2023



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22.	Dimitri SYTII a.k.a. Dimitri SYTYI	Дмитрий СЫТИЙ (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Director of the Russian House of Bangui DOB: 23.3.1989 POB: Minsk (Belarus) Nationality: Russian Passport number: 550246878 Gender: male Address: NA-SYTAIA/A1-TANKISTAZ KHRUSTITSKOGO 62 APT25/ZP-198217/CI St Petersburg, Russian Federation	Dimitri Sytii has a leading role within the Wagner Group in the Central African Republic (CAR), and he had close links to Yevgeny Prigozhin. He is in charge of conducting the Wagner Group's operations and influence policy in CAR. He is the head of the local branch of the Russian House, the cultural arm of the Russian foreign ministry.  The Wagner Group is listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including CAR.  Given his influential position in CAR and his leading role in the Wagner Group, he is responsible for serious human rights abuses committed by the Wagner Group in CAR.	25.2.2023
23.	Mikhail Sergeyevich ПОТЕПКИН	Михаил Сергеевич ПОТЕПКИН (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Director Meroe Gold DOB: 19.9.1981 or 29.9.1981 Nationality: Russian Gender: male Passport number: 651697952 (Russian passport) Address: Sudan Associated companies: Megaline; Concord; IT-Debugger	Mikhail Potepkin is director of Meroe Gold, a cover entity for the Wagner Group's operations in Sudan, as well as being involved in M-Invest, Meroe's parent company. He has a leading role within the Wagner Group in Sudan, and he had close links to Yevgeny Prigozhin. By being affiliated with the Sudanese military, the Wagner Group secured the exploiting and exporting of Sudanese gold to Russia. Potepkin is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including Sudan. Through his activities, he also provides support for such abuses committed in Sudan.	25.2.2023

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25.	Vitalii Viktorovitch PERFILEV	Виталий Викторович ПЕРФИЛЬЕВ (Russian spelling)	DOB: 11.9.1983 POB: Novossibirsk USSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Address: Bangui (Central African Republic) Gender: male Passport number: NR 75 2987491 Date of delivery: 30.3.2016 Expiration date: 30.3.2026	Vitalii Perfilov was the security advisor to the President of the Central African Republic (CAR) until November 2023, and a key figure within the Wagner Group in CAR.  The Wagner Group is listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including CAR.  Given his former influential position during the period when the human rights abuses were committed in CAR and his leading role in the Wagner Group, Vitalii Perfilov is responsible for serious human rights abuses committed by the Wagner Group in CAR.	25.2.2023
26.	Andrei Sergeevich MANDEL	Андрей Сергеевич МАНДЕЛЬ (Russian spelling)	DOB: 2.3.1990 POB: Germany Gender: male Passport number: 753615660	Andrei Mandel is head of M-Invest, a cover entity for the Wagner Group's operations in Sudan, as well as being involved in its subsidiary Meroe Gold. He has a leading role within the Wagner Group in Sudan, and had close links with Yevgeny Prigozhin. By being closely affiliated with the Sudanese military, the Wagner Group secured the exploiting and exporting of Sudanese gold to Russia. Andrei Mandel is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including Sudan. Through his activities, Andrei Mandel also provides support for such abuses committed in Sudan.	25.2.2023

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27.	Neda Mohammad NADEEM	نداء محمد نديم (Pashto spelling)	Position(s): Acting Taliban Minister for Higher Education Nationality: Afghan DOB: 1977 POB: Kandahar, Afghanistan Gender: male	Neda Mohammed Nadeem has been the acting Taliban Minister for Higher Education since 22 October 2022.  Since he took up his position, the Taliban have published decrees banning women from higher education throughout the country. These decrees deprive women of their right to education as well as their equal access to education, violating the principle of equal treatment between men and women.  In his capacity as acting Taliban Minister for Higher Education, Neda Mohammed Nadeem is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Afghanistan, in particular the widespread violation of women's right to education and the right to equal treatment between men and women in the field of education.	7.3.2023
29.	Alexander Georgievich FEDORINOV	Александр Георгиевич ФЕДОРИНОВ (Russian spelling)	Position(s): commanding officer of Moscow Police Station Rank: Lieutenant Colonel DOB: 31.5.1980 POB: Michurinsk, Tambov, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male	Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Fedorinov is a commanding officer of Moscow Police Station.  In his capacity as acting head of the police station in March 2022, he authorised the arbitrary arrest and detention, as well as the subsequent torture, of female anti-war protestors.  Alexander Fedorinov is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, in particular torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, arbitrary arrests or detentions as well as systematic sexual and gender-based violence.	7.3.2023

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33.	Gatluak Nyang HOTH		Nationality: South Sudanese Gender: male	<p>Gatluak Nyang Hoth was the county commissioner for Mayiandit county (Unity State, South Sudan) from February 2021 until June 2024.</p> <p>In this position, he commanded government-aligned militias to carry out attacks in southern Unity State, between February and May 2022. During this period, troops under his command made widespread and systematic use of sexual violence as a war tactic and instrumentalised it as a reward and entitlement for men participating in the conflict.</p> <p>In his capacity as county commissioner, Gatluak Nyang Hoth is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in South Sudan, including systematic and widespread sexual and gender-based violence.</p>	7.3.2023
35.	Toe UI a.k.a. Toe YI		Position(s): Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Rank: Major-General DOB: 1966 Nationality: Myanmar/Burma Gender: male	<p>Major-General Toe Ui was appointed Deputy Minister of Home Affairs on 3 February 2023. He is the former second in command of the Office of the Chief of Military Security Affairs (OCMSA). The OCMSA is responsible for the management of detention and interrogation centres in Myanmar/Burma and is also tasked with intelligence gathering.</p> <p>OCMSA staff under Ui's authority use forced nudity, rape, electric shock, burning of genitalia and excessive violence during the arbitrary detention and interrogation of men, women and members of the LGBTIQ community.</p> <p>In his capacity as second in command of the OCMSA, Major-General Toe Ui is responsible for serious human rights violations in Myanmar/Burma, including arbitrary detentions and torture, as well as for systematic and widespread sexual and gender-based violence.</p>	7.3.2023

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37.	Andrei Andreevich ZADACHIN	Андрей Андреевич ЗАДАЧИН (Russian spelling)	<p>Position(s): Investigator of the Major Investigative Unit at the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation; Major</p> <p>DOB: 22.8.1990</p> <p>POB: Moscow, Russian Federation</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Individual Taxpayer Number: 771577190559</p> <p>Fiscal Registration Number: YBLWST14JJ39</p>	<p>In his position as Investigator of the Major Investigative Unit at the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation, Andrei Zadachin issued a politically motivated criminal accusation against Vladimir Kara-Murza. Andrei Zadachin also asked the court that Vladimir Kara-Murza be detained and provided supporting testimony in court.</p> <p>Vladimir Kara-Murza is a prominent opposition activist in Russia. Politically motivated court proceedings based on false allegations started against him in 2022 after he accused the Kremlin of committing war crimes in Ukraine and publicly condemned Russian aggression. In April 2023, he was sentenced to 25 years in a high-security prison/labour camp. The court proceedings against him targeted his activism and served as a show trial in Russia to suppress voices critical of the ruling regime in voicing opposition to the war of aggression against Ukraine. The Russian regime is using the judiciary of the country as a widespread tool in numerous serious human rights violations. The justice system is not independent and is used to systematically and severely violate the human rights of individuals opposed to the ruling regime, by violating their freedom of opinion and expression.</p> <p>Therefore, Andrei Zadachin is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including violations of freedom of opinion and expression.</p>	5.6.2023

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40.	Diana Igorevna MISHCHENKO  (Maiden name: GARIPOVA)	Диана Игоревна МИЩЕНКО  (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Judge of the Khamovniki District Court of Moscow  DOB: 12.5.1977  POB: Moscow, Russian Federation  Nationality: Russian  Passport no.: 4508731961  Gender: female  Fiscal registration no.: K7VGTQKBDX68  Individual Taxpayer Number: 771805281790	<p>In her position as Judge of the Khamovniki District Court of Moscow, Diana Mishchenko is involved in the politically motivated court case against Vladimir Kara-Murza. She issued a sentence to approve the administrative arrest of Vladimir Kara-Murza for 15 days.</p> <p>Vladimir Kara-Murza is a prominent opposition activist in Russia. Politically motivated court proceedings based on false allegations started against him in 2022 after he accused the Kremlin of committing war crimes in Ukraine and publicly condemned Russian aggression. In April 2023, he was sentenced to 25 years in a high-security prison/labour camp. The court proceedings against him targeted his activism and served as a show trial in Russia to suppress voices critical of the ruling regime in voicing opposition to the war of aggression against Ukraine. The Russian regime is using the judiciary of the country as a widespread tool in numerous serious human rights violations. The justice system is not independent and is used to systematically and severely violate the human rights of individuals opposed to the ruling regime, by violating their freedom of opinion and expression.</p> <p>Therefore, Diana Mishchenko is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including violations of freedom of opinion and expression.</p>	5.6.2023

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43.	Sergei Gennadievich PODOPRIGOROV	Сергей Геннадьевич ПОДОПРИГОРОВ (Russian spelling)	<p>Function: Judge of the Moscow City Court</p> <p>DOB: 8.1.1974</p> <p>POB: Moscow, Russian Federation</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Individual Taxpayer Number: 772606428578</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Shmitovskiy Proyezd, 16c2, Moscow, Russia, 123100. Apartment 52.</p> <p>(Шмитовский пр-д, 16с2, Москва, Россия, 123100. Квартира 52)</p>	<p>In his position as Judge of the Moscow City Court, Sergei Podoprigrorov is involved in the politically motivated court case against Vladimir Kara-Murza. He chaired the collegium of Judges at the Moscow City Court who on 17 April 2023 sentenced opposition activist Vladimir Kara-Murza to 25 years in high-security prison/labour camp.</p> <p>Vladimir Kara-Murza is a prominent opposition activist in Russia. Politically motivated court proceedings based on false allegations started against him in 2022 after he accused the Kremlin of committing war crimes in Ukraine and publicly condemned Russian aggression. In April 2023, he was sentenced to 25 years in a high-security prison/labour camp. The court proceedings against him targeted his activism and served as a show trial in Russia to suppress voices critical of the ruling regime in voicing opposition to the war of aggression against Ukraine. The Russian regime is using the judiciary of the country as a widespread tool in numerous serious human rights violations. The justice system is not independent and is used to systematically and severely violate the human rights of individuals opposed to the ruling regime, by violating their freedom of opinion and expression.</p> <p>Previously, Sergei Podoprigrorov, as a Judge at Moscow's Tverskoi district court, made two rulings in relation to Sergei Magnitsky, who exposed corruption and misconduct by Russian government officials, and was later persecuted and died in Russian prison.</p> <p>Therefore, Sergei Podoprigrorov is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including violations of freedom of opinion and expression.</p>	5.6.2023

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75.	Wadim Konstantinowitsch KALININ	Вадим Константинович КАЛИНИН	Position(s): Head of the IK-3 penal colony DOB: 7.3.1973 POB: Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male Individual Taxpayer Number: 663401241613	Wadim Kalinin is the Head of the IK-3 penal colony.  Within the chain of command in the IK-3 penal colony, being officially part of the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service (FSIN) “senior command staff” and assuming a managerial role, he is directly tasked with executive decisions and therefore responsible for the overall conditions of imprisonment in the IK-3 penal colony. The IK-3 penal colony, commonly known as the “Polar Wolf”, is the location where detained opposition politician Alexei Navalny died under unknown circumstances. The conditions of Alexei Navalny’s imprisonment in the IK-3 penal colony included physical violence such as torture and withholding warm water and adequate clothing in winter, medical assistance and food and water.  Therefore, Wadim Kalinin 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.	22.3.2024
86.	Aleksandr Aleksandrovich MUKHANOV	Александр Александрович МУХАНОВ	Position(s): Director of IK-1 DOB: 7.12.1984 POB: Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male Individual Taxpayer Number: 332806323008	Aleksandr Mukhanov is the Director of correctional colony №1 (IK-1) and he was the Director of correctional colony №2 (IK-2) during the period when Alexei Navalny was held there from March 2021 to June 2022.  IK-2 is known for poor conditions of detention. Alexei Navalny, who had recently been poisoned, was refused access to civilian doctors in that colony, despite the threat to his health.  As Director of IK-1, Aleksandr Mukhanov is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, in particular torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment as well as the systematic violation of freedom of opinion and expression.	22.3.2024



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87.	Roman Alexandrovitch VIDYUKOV	Роман Александрович ВИДЮКОВ (Russian spelling)	<p>Position(s): Deputy Head of the Main Investigation Department at the State Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation</p> <p>DOB: 30.7.1980</p> <p>POB: Russia Federation</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p>	<p>Roman Vidyukov is Deputy Head of the Main Investigation Department and former investigator at the State Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation.</p> <p>During the period when he held the position of investigator at the State Investigative Committee, Roman Vidyukov led the investigation in one of the cases in which Alexei Navalny was sentenced to nine years in prison in 2022. Roman Vidyukov also was a member of the preliminary investigation team for the “money laundering” case against Alexei Navalny’s anti-corruption foundation. Roman Vidyukov further led the investigation against Lilia Chanysheva, former Head of Alexei Navalny’s headquarters in Ufa, who was convicted of “creation of an extremist community”. Lilia Chanysheva was sentenced to seven and a half years in prison in 2023.</p> <p>During those court cases, Roman Vidyukov allegedly threatened a witness in order to force him to give testimony that would be favourable to the investigation during Alexei Navalny’s fraud case.</p> <p>Roman Vidyukov is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests or detentions and the violation of freedom of opinion and expression which is of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy set out in Article 21 TEU.</p>	22.3.2024

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88.	Evgenia Sergeevna NIKOLAEVA	Евгения Сергеевна НИКОЛАЕВА (Russian spelling)	<p>Position(s): Judge at the Basmanny District Court in Moscow</p> <p>DOB: 9.7.1981</p> <p>POB: Russian Federation</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: female</p> <p>Individual Taxpayer Number: 771873894393</p>	<p>Evgenia Nikolaeva has been a judge at the Basmanny District Court in Moscow since 2016.</p> <p>She has issued a number of rulings against political opponents (including Alexei Navalny, Ilia Yashin and Vladimir Kara-Murza), thereby contributing to political repression in Russia. In October 2023, she sent Alexei Navalny's lawyers Alexey Liptser and Igor Sergunin to pre-trial detention for 2 months. Previously, she had repeatedly made life difficult for political prisoners, including by extending the terms of detention in pre-trial detention centre for the former head of Alexei Navalny's headquarters in Ufa, Lilia Chanyшева. Evgenia Nikolaeva also refused to address complaints about the inaction of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation on the allegation of Alexei Navalny's poisoning.</p> <p>In her position, Evgenia Nikolaeva is therefore responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests or detentions and the violation of freedom of opinion and expression which is of serious concern as regards the objectives of the common foreign and security policy set out in Article 21 TEU.</p>	22.3.2024

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96.	Sergey Anatolevich MOROZ	Сергей Анатольевич МОРОЗ (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Head of the Federal Penitentiary Service of the Russian Federation for Moscow DOB: 15.9.1968 POB: Berdyansk, Zaporozhye, Ukrainian SSR (now Ukraine) Nationality: Russian Gender: male Individual Taxpayer Number: 644918369538	Sergey Moroz is a Russian official. He is Head of the Federal Penitentiary Service in Moscow.  In that position, he placed the opposition politician Alexei Navalny on the federal wanted list. Sergey Moroz is accused of having exerted extreme humiliation and violence on detainees upon their arrival in detention.  Therefore, Sergey Moroz 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.	22.3.2024
97.	Elena Evgenievna MOROZOVA	Елена Евгеньевна МОРОЗОВА (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Judge of the Khimki City Court DOB: 2.12.1977 Nationality: Russian Gender: female	Elena Morozova is a Russian judge working in the Khimki City Court.  In her position, she decided to place the opposition politician Alexei Navalny in custody for 30 days after he arrived in Moscow after his treatment for Novichok poisoning. The trial she chaired violated fair trial standards, including the right to review the contents of the indictment and trial documents, the opportunity to consult with a lawyer, and public access to the trial.  Therefore, Elena Morozova is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, arbitrary arrests and detentions, and the systematic violation of freedom of opinion and expression.	22.3.2024

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99.	Mikhail Yurievich PTITSYN	Михаил Юрьевич ПТИЦЫН (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Chairman of the Moscow City Court DOB: 21.8.1963 Nationality: Russian Gender: male	<p>Mikhail Ptitsyn is Chairman of the Moscow City Court.</p> <p>In that position, he positively considered the Russian Federal Penitentiary Service's proposal to replace opposition leader Alexei Navalny's probation sentence with a fully fledged sentence. Consequently, Alexei Navalny was deprived of the possibility to act in public life in Russia by being imprisoned in a penal colony.</p> <p>Therefore, Mikhail Ptitsyn 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.</p>	22.3.2024
100.	Sergey Alekseevich RYABTSEV	Сергей Алексеевич РЯБЦЕВ (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Judge of the Lefortovo District Court of Moscow DOB: 4.9.1989 Nationality: Russian Gender: male	<p>Sergey Ryabtsev is a Russian judge working in the Lefortovo District Court of Moscow.</p> <p>In that position, he was involved in sabotaging the investigation regarding the poisoning of Alexei Navalny by refusing to address the complaint about the inaction of the Investigative Directorate of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation (FSB). Moreover, he continuously delivers sentences against freedom of speech in Russia.</p> <p>Therefore, Sergey Ryabtsev 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.</p>	22.3.2024

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101.	Petr Pavlovich SERKOV	Пётр Павлович СЕРКОВ (Russian spelling)	<p>Position(s): First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation</p> <p>DOB: 7.6.1955</p> <p>POB: Poldamasovo, Ulyanovsk region, former USSR (now Russian Federation)</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p> <p>Individual Taxpayer Number: 732502615730</p>	<p>Petr Serkov is the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation.</p> <p>In that position, he upheld the verdict against the opposition politician Alexei Navalny in 2018. Consequently, Alexei Navalny was convicted and imprisoned in a high-security penal colony in order to prevent him from engaging in political activity. Placing Alexei Navalny in a penal colony resulted in his death.</p> <p>Therefore, Petr Serkov 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.</p>	22.3.2024
103.	Nikolay Viktorovich TIMOSHIN	Николай Викторович ТИМОШИН (Russian spelling)	<p>Position(s): Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation</p> <p>DOB: 14.8.1959</p> <p>POB: Zhidkoe village, Znamensky district, Oryol region, former USSR (now Russian Federation)</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p>	<p>Nikolay Timoshin is Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation. Previously, he held the position of Member of the Court's Presidium.</p> <p>As Member of the Presidium, Nikolay Timoshin upheld the verdict against the opposition politician Alexei Navalny in 2018. Consequently, Alexei Navalny was convicted and imprisoned in a high-security penal colony in order to prevent him from engaging in political activity.</p> <p>Therefore, Nikolay Timoshin 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.</p>	22.3.2024

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104.	Vladimir Yurievich ZAITSEV	Владимир Юрьевич ЗАЙЦЕВ (Russian spelling)	Position(s): Chairman of the Appellate Chamber of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation  DOB: 31.3.1957  POB: Valamaz, Krasnogorsk, Udmurtia SSR (now Russian Federation)  Nationality: Russian  Gender: male	Vladimir Zaitsev is Chairman of the Appellate Chamber of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation.  In that position, he excluded Alexei Navalny from running in the presidential election in Russia in 2018 in a politically motivated trial.  Therefore, Vladimir Zaitsev is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including systematic violations of the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, and freedom of expression and opinion.	22.3.2024
115.	Abdel Karim Mahmoud (Mahmood, Mohammad) IBRAHIM	عبد الكريم محمود إبراهيم Position(s): Chief of staff of	the Syrian Army POB: Tartous, Syria Nationality: Syrian Gender: male	Abdel Karim Mahmoud Ibrahim is the chief of staff of the Syrian Army.  The Syrian state, including its military, commits systematic and widespread torture, rape and sexual and gender-based violence against civilians.  As the chief of staff of the Syrian Army, Abdel Karim Mahmoud Ibrahim is responsible for the actions of the armed forces under his command.  Therefore, Abdel Karim Mahmoud Ibrahim is responsible for serious human rights violations, including torture and systematic and widespread sexual and gender-based violence.	22.7.2024'

(3) in section 'B. Legal persons, entities and bodies', the entries for the following nine entities are replaced by the following:

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5.	Wagner Group (a.k.a. Expeditionary and Volunteer Corps, Expeditionary Corps, Volunteer Corps, Africa Corps, Vagner Group, PMC Wagner, Liga, League)	Группа Вагнера (Russian spelling)		<p>The Wagner Group is a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, which was established in 2014 as a successor organisation of the Slavonic Corps. Through the setting up of local entities, and with the support of local governments, the Wagner Group finances and conducts its operations.</p> <p>The Wagner Group is responsible for serious human rights abuses in Ukraine, Syria, Libya, the Central African Republic (CAR), Sudan, Mali and Mozambique, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings.</p>	13.12.2021
6.	Lobaye Invest SARLU		<p>Place of registration: Bangui (Central African Republic)</p> <p>Date of registration: 24.10.2017</p> <p>Registration number: M 354838 D 0001 ("NIF" number, Tax identification number)</p> <p>Principal place of business: Central African Republic</p> <p>Other information: Branch of M-Finans</p>	<p>Lobaye Invest SARLU is a private company registered in the Central African Republic (CAR), subsidiary of the Russian company M-Finans, originally controlled by Yevgeny Prigozhin. It is managed by Dimitri Sytii, a senior Wagner Group executive and by Yevgeny Khodotov, who was associated with Yevgeny Prigozhin. Lobaye Invest operates gold and diamond mines in CAR. It has been linked to the Wagner Group's operations in CAR. It also finances several media outlets, such as the radio station Lengo Sengo, a Central African radio station conducting disinformation campaigns and promoting the Wagner Group's presence in CAR.</p> <p>Lobaye Invest is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including the CAR. Through its activities, Lobaye Invest also provides support for such abuses committed in CAR.</p>	25.2.2023

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7.	DIAMVILLE		<p>Date of registration: 28.3.2019</p> <p>Registration number: CA/BG2019B519</p> <p>Principal place of business: Central African Republic</p> <p>Other information: associated individuals and entities: Wagner Group, Dimitri Sytii, Valery Zakharov, Perfilev, Svetlana Troitskaya, Lobaye Invest</p>	Diamville is a screen company used by the Wagner Group present in the Central African Republic (CAR) to illegally trade diamonds. It is closely linked to all major actors of the Wagner Group in CAR, such as Dimitri Sytii. Diamville is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including the CAR. Through its activities, it provides support for such abuses committed in CAR.	25.2.2023
8.	<p>Foundation for the Defence of National Values (FDNV)</p> <p>Fund for the Defence of National Values (FDNV)</p> <p>Foundation/organization for the Protection of National Values (FPNV)/(FZNC)</p> <p>Foundation for National Values Protection</p> <p>Organization for the Protection of National Values</p>		<p>Place of registration: Moscow (64 Zemlyanoy Val str., building 2, office 201, Moscow, Russian Federation)</p> <p>Website: <a href="https://en.fznc.ru/">https://en.fznc.ru/</a></p> <p>Registration number: 1197700003137</p> <p>Individual Taxpayer Number: 7709448606</p>	<p>The Foundation for the Defence of National Values (FDNV) is associated with the Wagner Group. The FDNV operates as the public relations arm of the Wagner Group. It steers pro-Wagner Group propaganda and disinformation campaigns, including to enhance the reputation of the Wagner Group and support its deployment, and engages in covert interference on behalf of the Wagner Group in the various countries that it is active in.</p> <p>The Wagner Group is listed for serious human rights abuses, including torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including Libya, Mali and the Central African Republic.</p> <p>FDNV is associated with the Wagner Group and is responsible for supporting and encouraging the acts of the Wagner Group through pro-Wagner Group propaganda, political interference and disinformation.</p>	25.2.2023



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9.	Radio Centrafricaine Lengo Sengo		<p>Place of registration: Bangui, Central African Republic</p> <p>Date of registration: November 2018</p> <p>Principal place of business: Galabadja</p> <p>Bangui, Commune de Bangui Galabadja, 8eme Arr.</p> <p>[GPS]-&gt; 4.4070, 18.5465</p>	<p>Radio Lengo Sengo is a Central African radio station engaged in online influence operations on behalf of the Wagner Group. Its ultimate objective is to manipulate public opinion. The company conducts disinformation campaigns and promotes the Wagner Group's presence in the Central African Republic (CAR). Radio Lengo Sengo is financed by Lobaye Invest, a private company connected to the Wagner Group that serves as a cover for its activities in CAR.</p> <p>The Wagner Group is listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings in several countries including CAR.</p> <p>Radio Lengo Sengo is responsible for supporting and encouraging the acts of the Wagner Group in CAR.</p>	25.2.2023
10.	Meroe Gold Co. Ltd (a.k.a.: Meroe For Agricultural & Animal Production; Al-Solag; Al-Sarraj Mining Company Ltd; Al-Sawlaj Mining Company Ltd; Al-Solaj Mining Company; Al-Soladzh Mining Company; Al-Solag Mining Company; Sullaj Mining Company; Al-Sullaj; Al-Solage; Solange; Sullag)		<p>Place of registration: Al-jref Gharb Plot 134 Blok 1h, Khartoum, Sudan</p> <p>Other information: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores</p> <p>Associated with:</p> <p>Al Sawlaj for Mining Ltd الصولج</p> <p>Aswar Multi Activities Co., Ltd</p>	<p>Meroe Gold is a cover entity for, and closely linked to, the Wagner Group's operations in Sudan. By being affiliated with the Sudanese military, the Wagner Group secured the exploiting and exporting of Sudanese gold to Russia.</p> <p>Meroe Gold is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, including torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including Sudan. Through its activities, Meroe Gold also provides support for such abuses committed in Sudan.</p>	25.2.2023

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11.	M-Invest		<p>Place of registration: d. 76 korp. 4 litera A ofis N620, prospekt Obukhovskoi Oborony St. Petersburg, Russian Federation</p> <p>Registration number: 1177847044066</p> <p>Principal place of business: Khartoum, Sudan</p> <p>Other information: Tax ID number: 7811636632; Government gazette number: 06513574</p>	M-Invest is a cover entity for the Wagner Group's operations in Sudan. It was closely linked to Yevgeny Prigozhin. By being affiliated with the Sudanese military, the Wagner Group secured the exploiting and exporting of Sudanese gold to Russia. M-Invest is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including Sudan. Through its activities, M-Invest also provides support for such abuses committed in Sudan.	25.2.2023
12.	Sewa Security Services		<p>Place of registration: Bangui (Central African Republic)</p> <p>Principal place of business: Central African Republic</p> <p>Other information: subsidiary of Lobaye Invest</p>	Sewa Security Services is a Central African Republic (CAR)-based private company that provides protection for senior CAR government officials. It serves as a cover for the Wagner Group's activities in CAR. It is a subsidiary of Lobaye Invest, managed by Dimitri Sytii, a senior Wagner Group executive and by Yevgeny Khodotov, who was associated with Yevgeny Prigozhin. Sewa Security has been involved alongside the Wagner Group in a series of violent attacks that have occurred in CAR since the presidential elections of December 2020. Sewa Security is associated with the Wagner Group, listed for serious human rights abuses, which include torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, in several countries, including CAR. Through its activities, Sewa Security Services also provides support for such abuses committed in CAR.	25.2.2023

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17.	Department of Information Technologies of the City of Moscow	Департамент Информационных Технологий города Москвы (Russian spelling)	Address: (Legal) Russia, 123100 Moscow, 1-Y Krasnogvardeyskiy Proyezd, 21, bld 1; (Actual) Russia, 105064 Moscow Yakovoapostol'skiy Pereulok, 12c1  Telephone: + 7 (495) 957-01-31  Fax: + 7 (495) 957-75-42  Email: dit@mos.ru  Website: <a href="https://www.mos.ru/dit/">https://www.mos.ru/dit/</a>  Telegram: t.me/dit_moscow	<p>The Department of Information Technologies of the City of Moscow develops and uses the facial recognition system in Moscow. It transmits data from the facial recognition system to the law enforcement units of the Main Directorate of Internal Affairs of the City of Moscow.</p> <p>The Main Directorate of Internal Affairs of the City of Moscow employed the facial recognition system in Moscow as a tool of repression. It used it to monitor and arbitrarily detain independent journalists and opposition activists who participated in peaceful protests in support of Alexei Navalny, against corruption of the government of Russia and in opposition to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The facial recognition system was also used by the Main Directorate of Internal Affairs of the City of Moscow to track down and detain draftees seeking to evade mobilisation for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.</p> <p>Therefore, the Department of Information Technologies of the City of Moscow is responsible for serious human rights violations in Russia, including arbitrary arrests or detentions, and violations or abuses of freedom of peaceful assembly and of association.</p>	20.7.2023'