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45 Russian military leaders On 31 March the Government also announced that Russian General Mikhail Mizintsev , the Chief of the National Defence Command and Control Centre, 37 Foreign, Commonweal th and Development Office, Press release , 8 April 2022 38 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 8 April 2022 39 HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 13 April 2022 40 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 13 May 2022 41 HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Noti ce, 13 May 2022 42 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 29 June 2022 43 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 15 March 2022 44 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 16 June 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 16 June 2022 45 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 26 July 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 26 July 2022 Sancti ons against Russia 19 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 which plans and directs all Russian military operations worldwide, had been placed on the sanctions list.

As winter approaches, millions of Ukrainian civilians have been left without access to electricity, water and heat .51 Financial sanctions Exclusion from SWIFT One measure the Government has been consistently supportive of is Russia’s exclusion from the SWIFT international payments system and confirmed the UK was “ working with allies to exclude Russia ”.52 46 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 31 March 2022 47 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 21 April 2022 48 HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 21 April 2022 49 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 16 June 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 16 June 2022 50 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 9 December 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice (PDF), 9 December 2022 51 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 13 December 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice (PDF) , 13 December 2022 52 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 24 February 2022 Sanctions against Russia 20 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 Several EU M ember States , including Germany, had reportedly been reluctant to pursue this sanction measure .53 Among other things, SWIFT is used to pay for Russian gas imports which many EU countries depend on.54 As part of a wider set of measures (see below), o n 26 February the UK, US, EU and Canada announced that “selected Russian banks” would be removed from the SWIFT system.

70 62 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 1 March 2022 63 HM Treasury, Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, Financial Sanctions Notice, 1 March 2022 64 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 24 March 2022 65 OFSI, Financial Sanctions Notice , 24 March 2022 66 HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice , 6 April 2022 67 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 26 September 2022 68 HM Treasury, Financial sanctions: general guidance (PDF) 69 G7 statement , 11 March 2022 70 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 6 April 2022 Sanctions against Russia 23 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 • Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No.12) Regulations 2022 Restrictions on the export of banknotes In July 2022 legislation was introduced prohibiting the export, supply or delivery to Russia, or a person connected with Russia, of banknotes denominated in Sterling or any official currency of the EU.

Collaborators in the referendum Thirty -three individuals identified as c ollaborators in the conduct of the referendums have been sanctioned, including Sergei Yeliseyev and Yevhen 129 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 26 July 2022 and HM Tr easury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 26 July 2022 130 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 26 July 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 26 July 2022 131 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 30 November 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice (PDF), 30 Novem ber 2022 132 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 30 November 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice (PDF), 30 November 2022 133 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 26 July 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice, 26 July 2022 134 See House of Commons Library, Implications of the Russian -Backed referendums in Ukraine Sanctions against Russia 36 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 Balytskyi, the Head s of the Russian- installed governments in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia respectively.135 The PR company IMA Consulting has also been designated for its role in the public campaign surrounding the referendums, alongside security com pany Goznak involved in the production of state documents, including expedited passports, in the occupied regions.136 In a separate, albeit linked move, the UK also sanctioned the Governor of the Russian Central Bank, Elvira Nabiullina, for her role in suppo rting Russia’s actions in Ukraine and specifically for facilitating the introduction of the rouble as the official currency in the annexed regions.137 In November 2022, the UK also sanctioned the Chair of the Central Election Commission, Ella Pamfilov a, and the Head of the regional election commission in Rostov, Andrey Burov, for their role in organising the September referendums.138 Humanitarian exemptions On 7 July 2022 the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation issued a Humanitarian Activity General Licence under the Russia sanctions regime.

136 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 26 September 2022 137 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release, 30 September 2022 138 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Press release , 30 November 2022 and HM Treasury, Financial Sanctions Notice (PDF), 30 November 2022 139 Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation, Blog, 7 July 2022 5 Useful information • HM Government, Russia sanctions: guidance • Department for International Trade, Trad ing under sanctions with Russia • HM Treasury, Financial sanctions: Russia Sanctions against Russia 37 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 • Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK sanctions relating to Russia • Office for National Statis tics, The impact of sanctions on UK trade with Russia: June 2022 Sanctions against Russ ia 38 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 4 Coordinating with allies The US has described t he coordination between allies on sanctions measure s against Russia as an “unprecedented act of global sanctions coordination”.140 There ha ve been differences between the respec tive sanction regimes, particularly over the individuals that have been sanctioned, or the timing of those designations.141 This has, in part, been due to the different legal frameworks each country is operating in.

Other designated individuals included prominent businesspeople from the iron and steel, energy and military sectors and several lobbyists and those accused of spreading propaganda.241 On 8 April the EU announced sanctions against “key oligarchs and businessp eople, high ranking Kremlin officials, proponents of disinformation 238 Council of the European Union, Press release, 8 April 2022 239 Council of the European Union, Press release, 3 June 2022 240 EU External Action Service, Press statement by EU High Representative, 27 February 2022 241 Official Journal of the European Union, L87 I , Vol.65, 15 March 2022 Sanctions against Russia 57 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 20 22 and information manipulation”.242 Among them are billionaire Oleg Deripaska, already sanctioned by the UK; Vladimir Sungorkin, Editor in Chief of Russian newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda ; Sergey Mikhailov, Director General of the Russian news agency TASS, and Oleg Dobrodeev, Director General of the Russian State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company, Russia’s largest state media holding.

After initially cutting the capacity of the Nord Strea m 1 pipeline to 20% , citing ongoing maintenance and technical issues, in early September operating company Gazprom shut the pipeline indefinitely , 252 European Commission, Press statement , 7 De cember 2022 253 EU Council of Ministers, Press release , 16 December 2022 254 EU Council of Ministers, Press release , 16 December 2022 255 European Commission, Press release , 8 March 2022 256 European Commission, Pres s release , 8 March 2022 Sanctions against Russia 62 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 blaming Western -led sanctions against Russia.257 This follows earlier moves by Russia to cut off or reduce supplies to 12 EU countries following their refusal to pay for Russian gas in roubles.258 In response to the G7 plan to implement a price cap on Russian oil and a subsequent suggestion by the EU Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, to impose a price cap o n Russian gas, President Putin has said that Russia would halt all energy supplies completely.259 Special economic measures have also been introduced by the Kremlin to ban the export of certain commodities and raw materials to a list of desi gnated countries, including the UK, US and EU.

279 Further export bans relate to wood products, el ectrical machinery and vehicles.280 • In line with allies, Japan has also imposed a ban on the provision of trust, accounting, auditing and management consultancy services, 272 Ashurst, Sanctions tracker Japan (accessed 11 October 2022) 273 Baker McKenzie, Sanctions and export controls blog (accessed 8 March 2022) 274 Kyodo News, “Japan imposes more sanctions on Russia, Belarus over Ukraine invasion”, 8 March 2022 275 Kyiv Independent, “Japan freezes assets of additional 1Russian 276 Baker McKenzie, Sanctions and export controls blog (accessed 30 March 2022) 277 Kyodo News, “Japan imposes more sanctions on Russia, Belarus over Ukraine invasion”, 8 March 2022 278 Reuters, “Japan to revise foreign exchange law” , 28 March 2022 279 Baker McKenzie, Sanctions and export controls blog (accessed 13 April 2022) 280 Baker McKenzie, Sanctions and export controls blog, 20 June 2022 Sanctions against Russia 66 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 unless a license is obtained from the Japanese government.

Among those sanctioned is General Mikhail Mizintsev, who is also subject to UK sanctions.295 Sanct ions on various family members of President Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov were announced on 22 April 2022 , along with the designation of 144 Russian Senators that supported recognition of the LPR and DPR in February 2022.296 Further listings related to members of the Russian Duma and senior officials of the LP R and DPR were made on 4 May 2022.297 On 18 May 2022 the Australian government sanctioned the Wagner Group , which it stated was “supporting Russian- backed separatists in the so -called People’s Republic s of Donetsk and Luhansk in clear violation of Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity”.298 It also listed the Russian Imperial Movement, which it has identified as an ultra -nationalist group known for its 290 Australian Government , Autonomous sanctions (Export sanctioned goods – Russia) Designation 2022 291 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Media release, 18 March 2022 292 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Media release, 18 March 2022 293 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release , 25 March 2022 294 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release, 5 April 2022 295 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release , 7 April 2022 296 Australian Ministry of F oreign Affairs, Press release, 22 April 2022 297 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release , 4 May 2022 298 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release, 18 May 2022 Sanctions against Russia 69 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 anti-Semitic, anti-LGBTQI and anti -Ukrainian views and which has re portedly sent foreign fighters to join Russian separatists in Ukraine.299 In late June/ early July the Government announced that further Russian Government officials, members of President Putin’s family, including alleged part ner Alina Kabaeva, and several additional oligarchs would be subject to sanctions.

The Prime Minister said the limitations of the current 299 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release, 18 May 2022 300 Australian Government, Federal Register of Legislation, 28 June 2022 and Prime Minister of Austral ia, Press release, 4 July 2022 301 Prime Minister of Australia, Press release, 4 July 2022 302 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release, 20 October 2022 303 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release , 31 March 2022 304 Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Press release, 20 October 2022 305 New Zealand Government, Press release , 7 March 2022 306 New Zealand Government, Press release , 7 March 2022 Sanctions against Russ ia 70 Commons Library Research Briefing, 19 December 2022 multilateral system, specifically Russia’s UN Security Council veto, necessitated the introduction of legislation.307 That legislation was passed on 9 March 202 2 and the first sanctions were approved on 17 March 2022 .