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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014)

Note verbale dated 27 May 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) and, referring to paragraph 9 of Security Council resolution 2204 (2015), has the honour to transmit herewith the report of Finland on the steps taken with a view to implementing effectively the measures imposed by paragraphs 11 and 15 of resolution 2140 (2014) (see annex).



Annex to the note verbale dated 27 May 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report submitted by Finland to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014)

1. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of resolution 2204 (2015), Finland has the honour to provide the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014) with the following information on the steps taken with a view to implementing effectively the measures imposed by paragraphs 11 and 15 of resolution 2140 (2014).

Measures adopted by the European Union

2. The European Union immediately initiated the preparation of legal instruments implementing the provisions of resolution 2140 (2014).

3. On 18 December 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted Council decision 2014/932/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen. The Council decision sets out the basis for European Union implementation of the measures contained in resolution 2140 (2014).

4. In addition to the Council decision, the Council of the European Union adopted on 18 December 2014 Council regulation (EU) No. 1352/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen. The Council regulation includes implementing provisions on those of the above measures falling within the scope of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Council regulations are binding in their entirety and directly applicable in all European Union Member States.

5. Council decision 2014/932/CFSP includes provisions on travel restrictions on listed natural persons. The provisions on the freezing of funds and the economic resources of listed persons, entities and bodies are included in the Council decision and in Council regulation (EU) No. 1352/2014.

National implementing measures

6. At the national level, sanctions are imposed by virtue of the Act on the Enforcement of Certain Obligations of Finland as a Member of the United Nations and the European Union (Sanctions Act, No. 659/1967).

7. The Sanctions Act, together with the Penal Code (No. 39/1889), provides for penalties and forfeitures to be imposed for violations of Council sanction regulations. According to chapter 46, section 1 (9) (as of 1 June 2015; until 31 May 2015: chapter 46, section 1 (11)), of the Penal Code, a person who violates or attempts to violate a regulatory provision in a sanctions regulation shall be sentenced for a regulation offence to a fine or to imprisonment for at most two years. Pursuant to chapter 46, section 2, of the Penal Code, the penalty for an aggravated regulation offence is at least four months and at most four years of imprisonment.