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EU imposes restrictive measures against the Wagner Group

The Council today adopted a set of restrictive measures against the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity. The measures target the **Wagner group itself**, and **eight individuals** and **three entities** connected to it.

The Wagner Group has recruited, trained and sent private military operatives to conflict zones around the world to **fuel violence**, **loot natural resources** and **intimidate civilians** in violation of international law, including international human rights law.

The individuals listed by the EU are involved in **serious human rights abuses**, including torture and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and killings, or in **destabilising activities** in some of the countries they operate in, including Libya, Syria, Ukraine (Donbas) and the Central African Republic. The group is also spreading its malign influence elsewhere, notably in the **Sahel region**. For these reasons the group constitutes a threat for the people in the countries where they are present, the wider region and for the European Union.

The aim of today's decision **is to curtail the subversive activities** of the Wagner Group. It signals the EU's strong determination to stand up for its interests and values in its neighbourhood and beyond, and to take tangible action against those threatening international peace and security, and breaching international law.

The restrictive measures imposed today were agreed under **four different sanctions regimes**: the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, and sanctions regimes relating to the situation in Libya and Syria, as well as for actions undermining Ukraine's territorial integrity.

The listed individuals and entities will now be subject to an **asset freeze** in the EU. In addition, listed individuals will be subject to a **travel ban** to the EU. Moreover, persons and entities in the EU will be prohibited from making funds available, either directly or indirectly, to those listed.

The relevant legal acts, including the names of the persons and entities concerned, have been published in the Official Journal.

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