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**Financial Sanctions Notice**

**04/08/2020**

## Venezuela

### **Introduction**

1. This notice is to issue a correction for 26 listings in the Venezuela regime. These amendments bring the consolidated list into line with Annex IV to Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 (“the regulation”)

### **Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)**

2. 26 entries have been amended on the consolidated list and remain subject to an asset freeze.

### **What you must do**

3. You must:
  - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;
  - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
  - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Governor;
  - iv. report any findings to the FRA at [financialsanctions@gov.ky](mailto:financialsanctions@gov.ky), together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;

- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons to the FRA at [financialsanctions@gov.ky](mailto:financialsanctions@gov.ky) by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF). Information reported to FRA may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
4. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
5. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

### **Further Information**

6. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, and UK legislation can be obtained from the Venezuela financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:  
  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases>
7. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Venezuela. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website:  
  
<https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.
8. For more information please see OFSI's guide to financial sanctions:  
  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>
9. For general information on financial sanctions please see our Financial Sanctions Guidance  
  
[http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/2020-02-21%20FRA%20Financial%20Sanctions%20Guidance%20\(Final\).pdf](http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/2020-02-21%20FRA%20Financial%20Sanctions%20Guidance%20(Final).pdf)

### **Enquiries**

10. Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

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## ANNEX TO NOTICE

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: VENEZUELA

#### AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

#### Individuals

**1. BENAVIDES TORRES, Antonio Jose**

**DOB:** 13/06/1961. **Other Information:** ~~EU only listing~~. *Gender: male*. Formerly Chief of the Capital District (Distrito Capital) Government until January 2018. General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 21 June 2017. *Responsible for the Bolivarian National Guard taking the lead in the policing of civilian demonstrations and publicly advocating that military courts should have jurisdiction over civilians*. **Listed on:** 22/01/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13583.

**2. BERNAL ROSALES, Freddy Alirio**

**DOB:** 16/06/1962. **POB:** San Cristobal, Tachira state, Venezuela **Position:** *(1)* Head of the National Control Centre of the Committee for Local Supply and Production (CLAP) ~~and~~ *(2)* Protector of Tachira State. *(3)* Commissioner General of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). **Other Information:** *Gender: male*. *Can call upon Special Forces (FAES)*. *Able to influence appointments of judges and prosecutors*. *Responsible for undermining democracy through manipulation of CLAP programme distributions amongst voters*. *Responsible for SEBIN's activities such as arbitrary detention*. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13691.

**3. BLANCO HURTADO, Nestor Neptali**

**DOB:** 26/09/1982. **National Identification no:** V-15222057 **Position:** Major in the Bolivarian National Guard (GNB) **Other Information:** *Gender: male*. Has operated alongside officials in the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) since at least December 2017. *Responsible for torture, the use of excessive force and the mistreatment of detainees in DGCIM facilities*. **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13791.

**4. BLANCO MARRERO, Rafael Ramon**

**DOB:** 28/02/1968. **National Identification no:** V-6250588 **Position:** *(1)* Deputy Director of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) *since at least December 2018* ~~and~~ *(2)* Division General of the Venezuelan Bolivarian National Army *since 5 July 2019* **Other Information:** *Gender: male*. *Responsible for torture, the use of excessive force and the mistreatment of detainees in DGCIM facilities*. *Linked to the death of Captain Acosta*. **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13792.

**5. CABELLO RONDON, Diosdado**

**DOB:** 15/04/1963. **Position:** *(1)* President of the Constituent Assembly ~~and~~ *(2)* First Vice President of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) **Other Information:** *Gender: male*. ~~EU only listing~~ *Has used the media to publicly attack and threaten political*

opposition, other media and civil society. Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13586.

6. CALDERON CHIRINOS, Carlos Alberto

**National Identification no:** V-10352300 **Position:** Senior office holder (referred to as Commissioner, Director and Director General) in the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). **Other Information:** Gender: male. Participated in and was responsible for acts of torture and the cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees in El Helicoide, a SEBIN prison. Listed on: 27/09/2019 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13793.

7. EL-AISSAMI MADDAH, Tareck Zaidan

**DOB:** 12/11/1974. **Position:** (1) Vice President of Economy and (2) Minister for National Industry and Production **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former Vice President of Venezuela with oversight of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). Responsible for arbitrary detention, politically motivated investigations, inhumane and degrading treatment, torture, and the prohibition of public demonstrations. Heading President Maduro's 'anti-coup command' which has targeted civil society and the democratic opposition. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13679.

8. ESCALONA MARRERO, Alexis Enrique

**DOB:** 12/10/1962. **Position:** Chief in Charge of the National Office Against Organized Crime and Terrorist Financing (ONDOFT) **Other Information:** Gender: male. National Commander of the National Anti-Extortion and Kidnapping Command (Comando Nacional Antiextorsion y Secuestro (CONAS) between 2014 and 2017. Responsible for torture, excessive use of force, the mistreatment of detainees, and repression of civil society. Listed on: 27/09/2019 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13794.

9. FRANCO QUINTERO, Rafael Antonio

**DOB:** 14/10/1973. **National Identification no:** V-11311672 **Position:** Agent in the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) **Other Information:** Gender: male. Head of Investigations at the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) between at least 2017 and December 2018. Responsible for torture, excessive use of force and the ill treatment of detainees in DGCIM facilities. Responsible for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition. Linked to the death of Captain Acosta. Listed on: 27/09/2019 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13795.

10. GONZALEZ LOPEZ, Gustavo Enrique

**DOB:** 02/11/1960. **Position:** Head of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN), reappointed on 30 April 2019 **Other Information:** Gender: male. ~~EU only listing.~~ Formerly Security and Intelligence Adviser for the President's office from 8 January 2019 to until 30 April 2019. Head of SEBIN until October 2018. Responsible for arbitrary detention, inhuman and degrading treatment, torture, and the repression of civil society. Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~10/07/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13581.

11. GRANKO ARTEAGA, Alexander Enrique

**DOB:** 25/03/1981. **National Identification no:** V-14970215 **Position:** Head (Director) of the Special Affairs Division (DAE) of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) **Other Information:** Gender: male. Committed serious human rights violations, including

*torture, excessive use of force causing death and injury and the ill-treatment of detainees in DGCIM facilities. Directly involved in the repression of civil society. Linked to the death of Captain Acosta.* Listed on: 27/09/2019 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13796.

**12. GUERRERO MIJARES, Hannover Esteban**

**DOB:** 14/01/1971. **Other Information:** Gender: male. Head of Investigations at the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Dirección General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) from at least April 2019 to August 2019. As Head of Investigations he supervised the DGCIM facility in Boleita. Committed serious human rights violations, particularly in Boleita, including torture, excessive use of force and the ill-treatment of detainees. Linked to the death of Captain Acosta. Listed on: 27/09/2019 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13797.

**13. HARRINGTON PADRON, Katherine Nayarith**

**DOB:** 05/12/1971. **Other Information:** Gender: female. Formerly Deputy Prosecutor General (also translated as Deputy Attorney General) from July 2017 until October 2018. Appointed Deputy Prosecutor General by the Supreme Court in violation of the Constitution, rather than by the National Assembly. Initiated politically motivated prosecutions and failed to investigate allegations of human rights violations by the Maduro regime. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13694.

**14. HERNANDEZ DALA, Ivan**

**DOB:** 18/05/1966. **Position:** (1) Head of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (DGCIM) since January 2014 (2) Head of the Presidential Guard since September 2015 **Other Information:** Gender: male. ~~Head of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (DGCIM) since January 2014 and Head of the Presidential Guard since September 2015.~~ Responsible for the excessive use of force and the ill-treatment of detainees. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13685.

**15. HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, Socorro Elizabeth**

**DOB:** 11/03/1952. **Other Information:** Gender: female. Member (Rector) of the National Electoral Council (CNE) and member of the National Electoral Board (JNE). Facilitated the establishment of the illegitimate Constituent Assembly and the manipulation of the electoral process. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13695.

**16. JAUA MILANO, Elias Jose**

**DOB:** 16/12/1969. **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former Minister of Popular Power for Education. Former President of the Presidential Commission for the illegitimate National Constituent Assembly. Led the establishment of the illegitimate Constituent Assembly. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13688.

**17. LUCENA RAMIREZ, Tibisay**

**DOB:** 26/04/1959. **Position:** President of the National Electoral Council (Consejo Nacional Electoral – (CNE)) **Other Information:** Gender: female. ~~EU-only listing~~ Failed to ensure that the CNE remained an impartial and independent institution in accordance with the Venezuelan Constitution. Facilitated the establishment of the Constituent Assembly and re-election of Nicolas Maduro in May 2018 through presidential elections

*that were neither free nor fair.* Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~19/12/2019~~  
04/08/2020 Group ID: 13582.

**18. MORENO PEREZ, Maikel Jose**

**DOB:** 12/12/1965. **Position:** President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela (Tribunal Supremo de Justicia) **Other Information:** Gender: male. ~~EU-only listing.~~ Formerly Vice President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela. Responsible for actions and statements that have usurped the authority of the National Assembly. Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13584.

**19. MORENO REYES, Xavier Antonio**

**Position:** Secretary-General of the National Electoral Council (CNE) **Other Information:** Gender: male. ~~Secretary-General of the National Electoral Council (CNE).~~ Facilitated the establishment of the illegitimate Constituent Assembly and manipulation of the electoral process. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13696.

**20. OBLITAS RUZZA, Sandra**

**DOB:** 07/06/1969. **Position:** (1) Vice President of National Electoral Council (CNE) (2) President of the Commission of the Electoral and Civilian Register **Other Information:** Gender: female. ~~Vice-President of the National Electoral Council (CNE) and President of the Commission of the Electoral and Civilian Register.~~ Facilitated the establishment of the illegitimate Constituent Assembly and manipulation of the electoral process. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13690.

**21. ORNELAS FERREIRA, Jose Adelino**

**DOB:** 14/12/1964. **POB:** Caracas, Distrito Capital, Venezuela Venezuela a.k.a: (1) ORNELLA FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino (2) ORNELLAS FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino **National Identification no:** V-7087964 **Position:** Secretary-General of the National Defence Council since 26 July 2019 **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former commander of the National Capital Integral Strategic Defence Region (REDI Capital). Former Chief of Staff and former Second-in-Command of the Operational and Strategic Command of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces of Venezuela (CEOFANB). Has supported and facilitated actions and policies of the Government of Venezuela. Responsible for obstructing the provision of humanitarian aid and the use of excessive force by officials. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: ~~30/06/2020~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13841.

**22. REVEROL TORRES, Nestor Luis**

**DOB:** 28/10/1964. **Position:** (1) Minister for Interior, Justice and Peace since 2016 (2) Vice-President of Public Works and Services and Executive Secretary of the Electrical General Staff since April 2019 **Other Information:** Gender: male. ~~EU-only listing.~~ Former Commander General of the Bolivarian National Guard. Responsible for the torture of political prisoners and repression of political demonstrations. Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13580.

**23. RIVERO MARCANO, Sergio Jose**

**DOB:** 08/11/1964. **Position:** Inspector General of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces **Other Information:** Gender: male. General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 16 January 2018. Responsible for the excessive use of force, arbitrary detention and abuse of civil society and opposition members. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 Group ID: 13680.

**24. RODRIGUEZ GOMEZ, Delcy Eloina**

**DOB:** 18/05/1969. **Position:** Vice President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela **Other Information:** Gender: female. ~~Vice President of Venezuela,~~ Former President of the illegitimate Constituent Assembly and former member of the Presidential Commission for the illegitimate National Constituent Assembly. Usurped the powers of the National Assembly and used them to target the opposition and prevent them taking part in the political process. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13687.

**25. SAAB HALABI, Tarek William**

**DOB:** 10/09/1963. **POB:** El Tigre, Anzoategui state, Venezuela **Position:** Venezuelan Attorney General appointed by the Constituent Assembly **Other Information:** Gender: male. ~~EU-only listing.~~ Previously Ombudsman and President of the Republican Moral Council. Publicly supported actions against opponents of the government of Venezuela and the withdrawal of competences from the National Assembly. **Listed on:** 22/01/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13585.

**26. SUAREZ CHOURIO, Jesus Rafael**

**DOB:** 19/07/1962. **Position:** (1) Commander in Chief of the Venezuelan Bolivarian National Army and (2) Chief of the General Staff to the Commander-in-Chief. **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former General Commander of the Venezuelan Bolivarian National Army. Former Commander of Venezuela's Comprehensive Defence Region of the Central Zone (REDI Central). Responsible for the use of excessive force and the mistreatment of detainees. Targeted the democratic opposition and supported the use of military courts to try civilian protestors. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~13/11/2019~~ 04/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13683.

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