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Note verbale dated 14 October 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1533 (2004).

In accordance with paragraph 28 of Security Council resolution 2136 (2014), Latvia would like to hereby submit its national implementation report (see annex). Should any further information on the matter be needed, the Government of Latvia stands ready to provide it.



Annex to the note verbale dated 14 October 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

National implementation report of Latvia

The Republic of Latvia and the other States members of the European Union have jointly implemented the travel ban and financial restrictions imposed by Security Council resolution 2136 (2014) by taking the following measures:

- *Council Decision 2014/147/CFSP of 17 March 2014 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.*¹ The Council Decision sets out the European Union commitment to implementing the measures contained in Security Council resolution 2136 (2014), namely: the freezing of funds and economic resources of entities and individuals; and travel restrictions. The Council Decision also provides for an additional derogation to the measure on arms and related materiel, in accordance with resolution 2136 (2014);
- *Council Regulation (EU) No. 270/2014 of 17 March 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No. 889/2005 imposing certain restrictive measures in respect of the Democratic Republic of Congo.*² The Council adopted the Regulation in order to implement measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/147/CFSP as regards additional derogations to the measure on arms and related materiel;
- *Council Regulation (EU) No. 271/2014 of 17 March 2014 amending Regulation (EC) No. 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.*³ The Regulation amends the criteria for the designation of persons and entities to be subject to the restrictive measures set out in paragraphs 9 and 11 of Security Council resolution 1807 (2008) of 31 March 2008;
- *Council Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and whose nationals are exempt from that requirement,*⁴ and its subsequent amendments. The Regulation requires nationals of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to be in possession of a visa when entering the European Union. Therefore, the respective restrictions on admission are to be implemented through a visa application process;
- *Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment.*⁵ The provisions of the Common Position have been implemented in the national legislation through Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No. 657 on the procedure for the issuance of licences

¹ *Official Journal of the European Union* L 79, 18 March 2014, p. 42.

² *Ibid.*, p. 34.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 35.

⁴ *Official Journal of the European Union* L 81, 21 March 2001, p. 1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, L 335, 13 December 2008, p. 99.

for goods of strategic significance and related documents on the circulation of goods of strategic significance, adopted on 20 July 2010;

- *Law on the Circulation of Goods of Strategic Significance of the Republic of Latvia*.⁶ The Law, which was adopted on 21 June 2007, stipulates export authorization requirements for the sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel to third countries, and authorization requirements for services related to military activities.

The penalties determined by the Republic of Latvia for infringements of the restrictive measures imposed by international organizations are set out in the Criminal Law⁷ of the Republic of Latvia, adopted on 17 June 1998, in particular section 84.

⁶ Official Gazette of the Republic of Latvia No. 107, 5 July 2007.

⁷ Ibid., No. 199/200, 8 July 1998.