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Sir William Cash MP
Chair
European Scrutiny Committee
House of Commons
14 Tothill Street
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Dear Bill,

Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2163 of 20 November 2017 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2153 of 20 November 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

I am writing with regard to the attached EU Council Decision, Council Implementing Regulation concerning the additional listing of one individual under Russia Tier II restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. On 20 November 2017 the European Council agreed that Russia Tier II measures should be extended to include an additional listing which was adopted on 20 November 2017 and published in the Official Journal on 21 November 2017.

This individual is listed due to his occupancy of the position of the “Governor of Sevastopol” and using such capacity to strive for further integration of the illegally annexed Crimean peninsula into the Russian Federation. This constitutes responsibility for actively supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine.

Due to the addition of the above individual, to avoid the risk of asset flight, I unfortunately found myself in the position of having to agree to the adoption of these measures without being able to follow the normal parliamentary scrutiny process. As you know, the responsibility to keep your Committee informed on issues concerning sanctions is something I take seriously and the need for the override of scrutiny on this occasion was regrettably unavoidable.

I am writing in similar terms to The Lord Boswell of Aynho, Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union, and am copying this letter to the Clerks of both Committees, Les Saunders at the Department for Exiting the European Union, and Sheila Underwood, FCO Select Committee Liaison Officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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