

SANCTIONS REGIME AGAINST THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

❖ SOURCE

European Union

❖ RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

1. Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP of 23 December 2013 concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic – [original](#) – [consolidated version](#)

Articles 1-1a (arms embargo)

- prohibition to sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned to the Central African Republic ('CAR') by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States or using their flag vessels or aircraft shall be prohibited whether originating or not in their territories;
- prohibition to provide technical assistance, brokering services and other services, including the provision of armed mercenary personnel, related to military activities and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned, directly or indirectly, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in, or for use in the CAR;
- prohibition to provide financing or financial assistance related to military activities, including in particular grants, loans and export credit insurance, as well as insurance and reinsurance, for any sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel or for the provision of related technical assistance, brokering services and other services, directly or indirectly, to any person, entity or body in, or for use in the CAR;
- prohibition to participate, knowingly and intentionally, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the prohibitions referred to in points two and three.

Article 2a (restrictions on admission)

- preventing the entry into, or transit through, the EU of the persons designated by the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee deemed to have:
 - engaged in or provided support for acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the CAR, including acts that threaten or impede the stabilization and reconciliation process or that fuel violence;
 - acted in violation of the arms embargo established in paragraph 54 of UNSCR 2127 (2013) and the one imposed by the EU, or had directly or indirectly supplied, sold, or transferred to armed groups or criminal networks in the CAR, or had been the recipient of arms or any related materiel, or any technical advice, training, or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to violent activities of armed groups or criminal networks in the CAR;
 - been involved in planning, directing, or committing acts that violate international human rights law or international humanitarian law, as applicable, or that constitute human rights abuses or violations, in the CAR,

- including, targeting of civilians, ethnic- or religious-based attacks, attacks on schools and hospitals, and abduction and forced displacement;
- been involved in planning, directing or committing acts involving sexual and gender-based violence in the CAR;
- been recruiting or using children in armed conflict in the CAR, in violation of applicable international law;
- been providing support for armed groups or criminal networks through the illicit exploitation or trade of natural resources, including diamonds, gold, wildlife as well as wildlife products in or from the CAR;
- been obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the CAR, or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance in the CAR;
- been involved in planning, directing, sponsoring, or conducting attacks against United Nations missions or international security presences, including Minusca, the Union missions and French operations which support them;
- been leaders of an entity designated by the Committee, or having provided support to, or acted for or on behalf of, or at the direction of a person or an entity designated by the Committee, or an entity owned or controlled by a person or entity designated by the Committee.

Article 2b (freezing of funds and economic assets)

- Applies to all funds and economic resources owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the persons and entities designated by the Committee according to the above-mentioned criteria.

❖ **DEROGATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

- arms embargo: article 2;
- restrictions on admission: article 2a (2) to (4);
- freezing of funds and economic assets: article 2b (2) to (6).

Most recent amended by:

[COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION \(CFSP\) 2019/763 of 13 May 2019 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic](#)

2. Council Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 of 10 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic - [original](#) – [consolidated version](#)

Article 2 (supplying certain services)

- prohibition to provide, directly or indirectly technical assistance or brokering services related to the goods and technology listed in the Common Military List of the European Union or related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of goods included in that list, to any person, entity or body in the Central African Republic or for use in the Central African Republic; financing or financial assistance related to the sale,

supply, transfer or export of goods and technology listed in the Common Military List, including in particular grants, loans and export credit insurance, as well as insurance and reinsurance, for any sale, supply, transfer or export of such items, or for any provision of related technical assistance or brokering services to any person, entity or body in the Central African Republic or for use in the Central African Republic; technical assistance, financing or financial assistance, brokering services or transport services related to the provision of armed mercenary personnel in the Central African Republic or for use in the Central African Republic.

Article 5 (freezing of funds and economic resources)

- freezing of all funds and economic resources belonging to, owned, held or controlled by any natural or legal person, entity or body listed by the UN Security Council Sanctions Committee;
- listing criteria:
 - engaging in or providing support for acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic, including acts that threaten or impede the stabilization and reconciliation process or that fuel violence;
 - acting in violation of the arms embargo established in paragraph 54 of UNSCR 2127 (2013), or having directly or indirectly supplied, sold, or transferred to armed groups or criminal networks in the Central African Republic, or having been the recipient of arms or any related materiel, or any technical advice, training, or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to violent activities of armed groups or criminal networks in the Central African Republic;
 - being involved in planning, directing, or committing acts in the Central African Republic that violate international human rights law or international humanitarian law, as applicable, or that constitute human rights abuses or violations, including those involving targeting of civilians, ethnic- or religious-based attacks, attacks on civilian objects, including administrative centres, courthouses, schools and hospitals, and abduction and forced displacement;
 - being involved in planning, directing, or committing acts involving sexual and gender-based violence in the Central African Republic;
 - recruiting or using children in armed conflict in the Central African Republic, in violation of applicable international law;
 - providing support for armed groups or criminal networks through the illicit exploitation or trade of natural resources, including diamonds, gold and wildlife, as well as wildlife products, in or from the Central African Republic;
 - obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the Central African Republic, or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance in the Central African Republic;
 - being involved in planning, directing, sponsoring, or conducting attacks against United Nations missions or international security presences, including MINUSCA, the Union missions and the French forces which support them, as well as against humanitarian personnel;
 - being leaders of an entity designated by the Sanctions Committee, or having provided support to, or having acted for or on behalf of or at the direction of, a person, entity or body designated by the Sanctions Committee, or an entity owned or controlled by a designated person, entity or body;
 - committing acts of incitement to violence, in particular on an ethnic or

religious basis, that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic, and then engaging in or providing support for acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic.

❖ DEROGATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

- from the supply of military-associated services: articles 3 and 4;
- from the freezing of funds and economic assets: articles 6 to 11.

Most recent amended by:

[COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION \(EU\) 2019/757 of 13 May 2019 implementing Article 17\(3\) of Regulation \(EU\) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic](#)

❖ SOURCE

UN Security Council

❖ SANCTIONS

1. [UN Security Council Resolution 2127 \(2013\)](#)

- embargo on the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to the CAR of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned, and technical assistance, training, financial or other assistance, related to military activities or the provision, maintenance or use of any arms and related materiel, including the provision of armed mercenary personnel whether or not originating in their territories (par. 54).

2. [UN Security Council Resolution 2134 \(2014\)](#)

- measures to prevent the entry into or transit of individuals designated by the Sanctions Committee (par. 30);
- freezing of funds, other financial assets and economic resources which are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the individuals or entities designated by the Sanctions Committee or by individuals or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, or by entities owned or controlled by them, and decides further that all Member States shall ensure that any funds, financial assets or economic resources are prevented from being made available to or for the benefit of the individuals or entities designated by the Committee (par. 32);
- listing criteria (par. 37):
 - acting in violation of the arms embargo established in paragraph 54 of

resolution 2127 (2013), or as having directly or indirectly supplied, sold, or transferred to armed groups or criminal networks in CAR, or as having been the recipient of arms or any related materiel, or any technical advice, training, or assistance, including financing and financial assistance, related to violent activities of armed groups or criminal networks in CAR;

- involved in planning, directing, or committing acts that violate international human rights law or international humanitarian law, as applicable, or that constitute human rights abuses or violations, in the CAR, including acts involving sexual violence, targeting of civilians, ethnic- or religious-based attacks, attacks on schools and hospitals, and abduction and forced displacement;
 - recruiting or using children in armed conflict in the CAR, in violation of applicable international law;
 - providing support for armed groups or criminal networks through the illicit exploitation of natural resources, including diamonds and wildlife and wildlife products, in the CAR;
 - obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance to CAR, or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance in CAR;
 - involved in planning, directing, sponsoring, or conducting attacks against UN missions or international security presences, including BINUCA, MISCA, the European Union operation and the other forces who support them;
 - are leaders of, have provided support to, or acted for or on behalf of or at the direction of, an entity that the Sanctions Committee has designated.
- extending the arms embargo for one year (par.40).

3. UN Security Council Resolution 2196 (2015)

- extending the arms embargo, travel restrictions and freezing of funds and economic resources until 29 January 2016 (paras.1, 4 and 7).

4. UN Security Council Resolution 2262 (2016)

- extending the arms embargo, travel restrictions and freezing of funds and economic resources until 31 January 2017 (paras. 1, 5 and 8).

5. UN Security Council Resolution 2339 (2017)

- extending the arms embargo, travel restrictions and freezing of funds and economic resources until 31 January 2018 (paras. 1, 5 and 12);
- introduces a new listing criterion: the planning, directing or committing acts involving sexual and gender-based violence in the CAR (paras. 17).

6. UN Security Council Resolution 2399 (2018)

- extending the arms embargo, travel restrictions and freezing of funds and economic resources until 31 January 2019 (paras. 1, 9 and 16).

7. UN Security Council Resolution 2454 (2019)

- extending the arms embargo, travel restrictions and freezing of funds and economic resources until 31 January 2020 (paras. 1, 2 and 3).