

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION 2012/544/CFSP**of 25 June 2012****implementing Article 32(1) of Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 January 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (2) In view of the gravity of the situation in Syria, and in accordance with Council Implementing Decision 2012/335/CFSP of 25 June 2012 implementing Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive

measures against Syria ⁽²⁾, one additional person and additional entities should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The person and entities listed in the Annex to this Regulation shall be added to the list set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.

Article 2

The Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 2012.

For the Council
The President
C. ASHTON

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 16, 19.1.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ See page 80 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX

PERSON AND ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1

Persons

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
1.	Bouthaina Shaaban (a.k.a. Buthaina Shaaban)	Born 1953 in Homs, Syria	Political and Media Advisor to the President since July 2008 and as such associated with the violent crackdown on the population.	26.6.2012

Entities

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
1.	Ministry of Defence	Address: Umayyad Square, Damascus Telephone: +963-11-7770700	Syrian government branch directly involved in repression.	26.6.2012
2.	Ministry of Interior	Address: Merjeh Square, Damascus Telephone: +963-11-2219400, +963-11-2219401, +963-11-2220220, +963-11-2210404	Syrian government branch directly involved in repression.	26.6.2012
3.	Syrian National Security Bureau		Syrian government branch and element of the Syrian Ba'ath Party. Directly involved in repression. It directed Syrian security forces to use extreme force against demonstrators.	26.6.2012
4.	Syria International Islamic Bank (SIIB) (a.k.a.: Syrian International Islamic Bank; a.k.a. SIIB)	Location: Syria International Islamic Bank Building, Main Highway Road, Al Mazzeh Area, P.O. Box 35494, Damascus, Syria Alt. Location: P.O. Box 35494, Mezza'h Vellat Sharqia'h, beside the Consulate of Saudi Arabia, Damascus, Syria	SIIB has acted as a front for the Commercial Bank of Syria, which has allowed that bank to circumvent sanctions imposed on it by the EU. From 2011 to 2012, SIIB surreptitiously facilitated financing worth almost \$150 million on behalf of the Commercial Bank of Syria. Financial arrangements that were purportedly made by SIIB were actually made by the Commercial Bank of Syria. In addition to working with the Commercial Bank of Syria to circumvent sanctions, in 2012, SIIB facilitated several substantial payments for the Syrian Lebanese Commercial Bank, another bank already designated by the EU. In these ways, SIIB has contributed to providing financial support to the Syrian regime.	26.6.2012

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
5.	<p>General Organisation of Radio and TV</p> <p>(a.k.a. Syrian Directorate General of Radio & Television Est; a.k.a. General Radio and Television Corporation; a.k.a. Radio and Television Corporation; a.k.a. GORT)</p>	<p>Address: Al Oumaween Square, P.O. Box 250, Damascus, Syria. Telephone (963 11) 223 4930</p>	<p>State-run agency subordinate to Syria's Ministry of Information and as such supports and promotes its information policy. It is responsible for operating Syria's state-owned television channels, two terrestrial and one satellite, as well as government radio stations. The GORT has incited violence against the civilian population in Syria, serving as a propaganda instrument for the Assad regime and spreading disinformation.</p>	26.6.2012
6.	<p>Syrian Company for Oil Transport</p> <p>(a.k.a. Syrian Crude Oil Transportation Company; a.k.a. "SCOT"; a.k.a. "SCOTRACO")</p>	<p>Banias Industrial Area, Latakia Entrance Way, P.O. Box 13, Banias, Syria; Website www.scot-syria.com; Email scot50@scn-net.org</p>	<p>Syrian state owned oil company. Provides financial support to the regime.</p>	26.6.2012