

**Unofficial and not binding translation**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**General explanation**

The situation in the Central African Republic poses a specific threat to international peace and security. The Council of the European Union has responded to this by adopting certain restrictive measures by EU Regulation 224/2014 of March 10, 2014 and Decision 2013/798/CFSP of the Council of the European Union of December 23, 2013 concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic. The EU Regulation contains *inter alia* freezing measures in respect of funds and economic resources of certain persons and entities performing or supporting acts that undermine the peace, stability or security of the Central African Republic. It is also prohibited to provide technical and financial assistance in connection with military equipment.

The purpose of this State Decree containing General Administrative Orders is to implement Regulation No. 224/2014 and Decision 2013/798 in Aruba. Within the framework of the common foreign and security policy of the Kingdom and with a view to the protection of the integrity and reputation of Aruba and its financial sector, the Government has decided, having regard to aforementioned EU Regulation and EU Decision, while applying Articles 2 and 2a of the Sanctions Ordinance 2006 (“AB” [*Official Bulletin*] 2007 No. 24), to take restrictive measures against natural persons, legal persons, entities and bodies.

This State Decree concerns the freezing measures in § 2 and a prohibition on the financing of, or financial assistance in connection with military activities and the financing related to the provision of armed mercenaries in § 3.

Annex I to Regulation No. 224/2014 and the Annex to Decision 2013/798, respectively, state the personal details of the persons and entities against whom the freezing measures should be taken. An exemption from the freezing measures may be requested by the Minister charged with financial measures in order to provide for the basic necessities or for making extraordinary expenditure.

Finally, it is noted that, as the purpose of the State Decree is the immediate implementation of an international decision, the Government

has decided not to hear the Council of Advice. The possibility to do so is offered by Article 2, second paragraph, of the Sanctions Ordinance 2006 (AB 2007 No. 24).

The Minister of Finance and Government Organization,  
[was signed:]

The Minister of Justice,  
[was signed]

The Minister of General Affairs, Science, Innovation and Sustainable  
Development,  
[was signed]