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Côte d'Ivoire: EU imposes additional sanctions in view of the gravity of the situation

The Council of the European Union adopted new legislation on 6 April 2011 to impose additional restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire, in view of the gravity of the situation there.

Under this legislation the EU banned the purchase of bonds and securities from and the provision of loans to the illegitimate government of Laurent Gbagbo. It also provided for exemptions to ensure that funds needed for humanitarian purposes are available.

In accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1975, the EU had also added an additional individual to the list of persons who are subject to a visa ban and an assets freeze because they are deemed to be obstructing peace and reconciliation in Côte d'Ivoire, obstructing the work of the UN Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and committing serious human rights violations.

The new Council decision and regulation were adopted by written procedure on 6 April and were published in the Official Journal of the EU, on 7 April 2011.

[Council Decision 2011/221/CFSP amending Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire](#)

[Council Regulation \(EU\) No 330/2011 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire](#)

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