

Democratic Republic of the Congo: EU lists nine individuals responsible for human rights violations and abuses and for sustaining armed conflict, instability and insecurity

Today, the Council imposed restrictive measures against **nine Congolese and Rwandan individuals** responsible for acts that constitute **serious human rights violations and abuses** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and for **sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity** in the DRC.

The listings include members of non-state **armed groups** active in the Eastern and North Eastern part of the country, namely M23, Twirwaneho, ADF, APCLS, CODECO/ALC, FDLR/FOCA as well as one member of the **Congolese Armed Forces** (FARDC) and one member of the **Rwanda Defence Force** (RDF).

Altogether, EU restrictive measures related to human rights violations and electoral obstruction in the DRC now apply to a total of **24 individuals**. Those designated are subject to a **travel ban** and an **asset freeze**. Furthermore, EU citizens and companies are **forbidden from making funds available** to them.

The EU will continue closely monitoring the situation in the country. It stands ready to list any new person involved in serious human rights violations or abuses, as well as those obstructing the electoral process and responsible for sustaining the armed conflict, instability and insecurity, or for inciting violence.

The relevant legal acts have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Background

EU autonomous individual restrictive measures in view of the situation in the DRC were adopted by the Council for the first time in 2016 in response to serious human rights violations and the obstruction of the electoral process.

On 5 December 2022, the Council decided to amend the designation criteria to allow for the application of individual restrictive measures against natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that sustain, support or benefit from the armed conflict, instability or insecurity in the DRC, as well as those responsible for inciting violence, or exploiting the armed conflict, instability and insecurity in the DRC, including through the illicit exploitation and trade of natural resources.

- [Official Journal of the EU, 28 July 2023 \(including a list of the sanctioned individuals and entities\)](#)
- [Democratic Republic of the Congo \(DRC\): Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union \(7 July 2023\)](#)

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