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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1725

of 17 June 2024

implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/735 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/735 of 7 May 2015 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 748/2014 [1], and in particular Article 22(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 7 May 2015, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2015/735.

(2) In accordance with Article 22(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/735, the Council has reviewed the list of persons subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex II to that Regulation.

(3) The Council has concluded that restrictive measures against one person listed in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2015/735 should be maintained and that the entry of that person should be updated.

(4) Regulation (EU) 2015/735 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2015/735 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that 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, 17 June 2024.

For the Council

The President

A. MARON

[1] OJ L 117, 8.5.2015, p. 13.

ANNEX

In Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2015/735, the table is replaced by the following:

	'Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
1.	Michael MAKUEI LUETH	DOB: 1947 POB: Bor, South Sudan; Bor, Sudan	Michael Makuei Lueth has held the position of Minister for Information and Broadcasting since 2013 and continues to hold that position in the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity. He was also the public spokesman for the government delegation to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development peace talks from 2014 to 2015 and from 2016 to 2018. Michael Makuei has obstructed, in particular through inflammatory public statements, the implementation of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS) of August 2015 (replaced in September 2018 by the "Revitalised ARCSS" (R-ARCSS)), the work of the ARCSS Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC, renamed "Reconstituted JMEC" under R-ARCSS), the establishment of the ARCSS Transitional Justice Institutions (also provided for in R-ARCSS), and the operations of the United Nations' Regional Protection Force. In addition, Michael Makuei is involved in the systematic curtailment of political and democratic space and in the repression of the media, which hinder democratisation and sustainable peace in South Sudan, including through regular threats against journalists and support to media censorship. Therefore, Michael Makuei has been obstructing the political process in South Sudan and is responsible for serious violations of human rights, in particular freedom of expression.	3.2.2018'