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**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EU RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IN VIEW OF RUSSIA'S
ACTIONS DESTABILISING THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania (hereinafter - MFA) refers to your letter dated 22 June 2015 (received on 25 June 2015) regarding the implementation of the EU restrictive measures in view of actions of Russian Federation destabilising situation in Ukraine.

The MFA would like to note that Lithuania duly respects its international obligations and therefore puts every effort to ensure that the international sanctions are fully implemented. As you are aware, the implementation of the EU restrictive measures is regulated on two levels - the EU legal acts and national legislation.

On the national level two basic documents regulate the implementation of international sanctions, i.e. Law on the Implementation of Economic and other International Sanctions and Government Resolution of 30 December 2004 No. 1679 "On Approval of the Description on Supervision of International Sanctions Implementation". Other national legal acts are specifically related to the implementation of particular kinds of restrictive measures.

Directly applicable EU regulations cover most of the restrictive measures, therefore additional national implementing measures are subject to national legislation only in a few cases:

1. Following the procedure set out in Government Resolution “On the implementation of political sanctions that prohibit the entry or transit of individuals through the territory of the Republic of Lithuania” (2008) individuals subject to the **travel ban** are included in a national travel ban list;

2. Russian Federation was included to the Government Resolution approving the list of countries subject to prohibitions on export/import/transit of equipment listed in the Common Military List, as well as other arms and ammunition. To elaborate, Lithuania considers **arms embargo** as covering not only military equipment as indicated in the Common Military List. Prohibitions also apply to other arms and ammunition as well;

3. Government Resolution “On the Implementation of EU Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine” was adopted to specify the procedure for evaluation of permit applications according to the **Article 3** of the mentioned Regulation.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinates the implementation of international sanctions in the Republic of Lithuania and provides natural and legal persons with information about the issues pertaining to the implementation of the international sanctions. According to the national legal acts financial institutions and other entities concerned are ought to inform the Financial Crime Investigation Service and the MFA on cases of freezing of funds and economic resources. So far the MFA has not received information on the funds and economic resources of persons or entities subject to restrictive measures in view of actions of Russian Federation destabilising situation in Ukraine being held in Lithuania, therefore no freezing measures were applied.

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