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EU imposes the first ever sanctions against cyber attacks

On 30 July 2020, the European Council decided to impose restrictive measures against six persons and three entities responsible for or involved in various cyber-attacks against the OPCW (Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) and those publicly known as "WannaCry", "NotPetya" and "Operation Cloud Hopper".

The EU created the legal framework for imposing restrictive measure with Council Regulation (EU) 2019/796 and Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/797 of 17 May 2019, concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States, and July 30, 2020 was the first time the EU used this tool.

The newly imposed sanctions consist in a travel ban and an asset freeze to the person and entities subject to restrictive measure. In addition, EU persons and entities are prohibited from making funds available for them.

In order to maintain a secure global cyberspace, the EU reiterates the need to strengthen international cooperation in order to promote rule-based order in this area.

As reported by the European Council, the following persons and entities or bodies shall be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measure, set out in Annex to Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/797.

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A. Persons

	Name	Identifying information
1.	GAO Qiang	Place of birth: Shandong Province, China Address: Room 1102, Guanfu Mansion, 46 Xinkai Road, Hedong District, Tianjin, China Nationality: Chinese Gender: male
2.	ZHANG Shilong	Address: Hedong, Yuyang Road No 121, Tianjin, China Nationality: Chinese Gender: male
3.	Alexey Valeryevich MININ	Алексей Валерьевич МИНИН Date of birth: 27 May 1972 Place of birth: Perm Oblast, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation) Location: Moscow, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male
4.	Aleksei Sergeyvich MORENETS	Алексей Сергеевич МОРЕНЕЦ Date of birth: 31 July 1977 Place of birth: Murmanskaya Oblast, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation) Location: Moscow, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male
5.	Evgenii Mikhaylovich SEREBRIAKOV	Евгений Михайлович СЕРЕБРЯКОВ Date of birth: 26 July 1981 Place of birth: Kursk, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation) Location: Moscow, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male
6.	Oleg Mikhaylovich SOTNIKOV	Олег Михайлович СОТНИКОВ Date of birth: 24 August 1972 Place of birth: Ulyanovsk, Russian SFSR (now Russian Federation) Location: Moscow, Russian Federation Nationality: Russian Gender: male

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B. Legal persons, entities and bodies

	Name	Identifying information
1.	Tianjin Huaying Haitai Science and Technology Development Co. Ltd (Huaying Haitai)	a.k.a.: Haitai Technology Development Co. Ltd Location: Tianjin, China
2.	Chosun Expo	a.k.a.: Chosen Expo; Korea Export Joint Venture Location: DPRK
3.	Main Centre for Special Technologies (GTsST) of the Main Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation (GU/GRU)	Address: 22 Kirova Street, Moscow, Russian Federation

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