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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 22 April 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/184/CFSP⁽¹⁾ concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma.
- (2) On 26 April 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/655⁽²⁾ which provides for a legal framework for targeted restrictive measures against certain natural persons from the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) and the Border Guard Police responsible for serious human rights violations, for obstructing the provision of humanitarian assistance to civilians in need and for obstructing the conduct of independent investigations into alleged serious human rights violations or abuses.
- (3) On 25 June 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/900⁽³⁾ which designated seven high-ranking Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) and Border Guard Police officials because of their involvement in or association with the atrocities and serious human rights violations committed against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State.
- (4) On 17 September 2018, the independent international Fact-Finding Mission (FFM) of the United Nations Human Rights Council published its detailed report on Myanmar in which it was concluded that gross human rights violations and abuses had been committed in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States, in particular by the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) and the Border Guard Police and that many of those violations amounted to the gravest crimes under international law.
- (5) In view of the findings of the FFM and the responsibility for human rights violations committed by parts of the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) and the Border Guard Police, seven persons should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in the Annex to Decision 2013/184/CFSP.
- (6) The Annex to Decision 2013/184/CFSP should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2013/184/CFSP is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 2018.

For the Council

The President

J. BOGNER-STRAUSS

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ANNEX

The following persons are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision 2013/184/CFSP:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
8.	Ba Kyaw		Ba Kyaw is a Staff Sergeant in the 564 th Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) of the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw). He committed atrocities and serious human rights violations, including murder, deportation and torture, against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State in the second half of 2017. In particular, he has been identified as one of the key perpetrators of the Maung Nu massacre on 27 August 2017.	21.12.2018
9.	Tun Naing		Tun Naing is the Commanding Officer of the Border Guard Police (BGP) base in Taung Bazar. In that capacity, he is responsible for the atrocities and serious human rights violations against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State committed by	21.12.2018

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			the BGP in Taung Bazar before, around and after 25 August 2017, including forced detention, ill-treatment and torture.	
10.	Khin Hlaing	Date of birth: 2 May 1968	Brigadier General Khin HLaing is the former Commander of the 99 th Light Infantry Division (LID) and the current Commander of the North-eastern Command of the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw). As the Commander of the 99 th LID he oversaw military operations carried out in Shan State in 2016 and early 2017. In that context, he is responsible for the atrocities and serious human rights violations committed against ethnic minority villagers in Shan State in the second half of 2016 by the 99 th LID. These include unlawful killings, forced detention and	21.12.2018

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			destruction of villages.	
11.	Aung Myo Thu		Major Aung Myo Thu is the Field Unit Commander of 33 rd Light Infantry Division (LID) of the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw). As the Field Unit Commander of the 33 rd LID he oversaw military operations carried out in Rakhine State in 2017. In that context, he is responsible for the atrocities and serious human rights violations committed against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State in the second half of 2017 by the 33 rd LID. These include unlawful killings, sexual violence and forced detention.	21.12.2018
12.	Thant Zaw Win		Thant Zaw Win is a Major in the 564 th Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) of the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw). In that capacity, he oversaw military operations carried out in Rakhine State and is	21.12.2018

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		responsible for the atrocities and serious human rights violations committed against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State by the 564 th LIB, notably in and around Maung Nu village on 27 August 2017. These include unlawful killings, sexual violence and systematic burning of Rohingya houses and buildings.	
13.	Kyaw Chay	Kyaw Chay is a Corporal in the Border Guard Police (BGP). He was formerly based in Zay Di Pyin and was the Commanding Officer of the BGP base in Zay Di Pyin in the period around 25 August 2017 when a series of human rights violations were committed by the BGP under his command. In that context, he is responsible for the atrocities and serious human rights violations by the BGP against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State in that period. He	21.12.2018

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			also participated in serious human rights violations. These violations include the ill-treatment of detainees and torture.	
14.	Nyi Nyi Swe		Major General Nyi Nyi Swe is the former Commander of the Northern Command of the Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw). In that capacity, he is responsible for the atrocities and serious human rights violations committed in Kachin State from May 2016 to April 2018 (until his appointment as Commander of the South-western Command) by the Northern Command, including ill-treatment of civilians. He is also responsible for obstructing the provision of humanitarian assistance to civilians in need in Kachin State in that period, in particular the blocking of food transports.	21.12.2018'

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- (1) Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP of 22 April 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma and repealing Decision 2010/232/CFSP ([OJ L 111, 23.4.2013, p. 75](#)).
- (2) Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/655 of 26 April 2018 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma ([OJ L 108, 27.4.2018, p. 29](#)).
- (3) Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/900 of 25 June 2018 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma ([OJ L 160 I, 25.6.2018, p. 9](#)).

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