

NATIONAL SANCTIONS SECRETARIAT

Notice under section 18(1)(a) of the United Nations (Financial Prohibitions, Arms Embargo and Travel Ban) Sanctions Act

Addition of Two Entries to the 1533 Sanctions List concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Notice is hereby given that on **25 October 2023**, the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 **concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo** has approved the addition of the entries specified below to its Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the measures imposed by the Security Council and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

A. Individuals

CDi. 038 Name: 1: BERNARD 2: MAHESHE 3: BYAMUNGU 4: na

Title: na **Designation:** a) Brigadier General b) Deputy Commander of operations and intelligence for M23 **DOB:** 10 Oct. 1974 **POB:** Democratic Republic of the Congo **Good quality a.k.a:** na **Low quality a.k.a:** TIGER ONE **Nationality:** Democratic Republic of the Congo **Passport no:** na **National identification no:** na **Address:** Democratic Republic of the Congo **Listed on:** 25 Oct. 2023 **Other information:** Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7 (c) and 7 (h) of resolution 2293 (2016) as “political and military leaders of Congolese militias, including those receiving support from outside the DRC, who impede the participation of their combatants in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes” and “acting on behalf of or at the direction of a designated individual or entity, or acting on behalf of or at the direction of an entity owned or controlled by a designated individual or entity”, as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023). As a leader of M23 (CDe.006), he is involved in promulgating and supporting the armed group’s activities. He was promoted in January 2023 to Brigadier for the Congolese Revolutionary Army, the M23 armed branch. He was then appointed chief of staff and deputy to SULTANI MAKENGA (CDi.008), and has validated the planning for every M23 operations in DRC since then. A warrant has been issued by Congolese authorities for his arrest.

CDi. 037 Name: 1: PROTOGÈNE 2: RUVUGAYIMIKORE 3: na 4: na

Title: na **Designation:** Commander of the FDLR special unit “Commando de recherche et d'action en profondeur” (CRAP) (now called Maccabe) **DOB:** a) 1968 b) 1969 c) 1970 **POB:** a) Karandaryi Cell, Mwiyanike Sector, Karago Commune, Gisenyi Prefecture, Rwanda b) Nyabihu District, Western Province, Rwanda **Good quality a.k.a:** a) RUHINDA b) GABY RUHINDA c) ZORRO MIDENDE **Low quality a.k.a:** GATOKARAKURA **Nationality:** Rwanda **Passport no:** na **National identification no:** na **Address:** Nyiragongo, North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo **Listed on:** 25 Oct. 2023 **Other information:** Listed pursuant to paragraphs 7 (b), 7 (e), and 7 (h) of resolution 2293 (2016) as “being political and military leaders of foreign armed groups

operating in the DRC who impede the disarmament and the voluntary repatriation or resettlement of combatants belonging to those groups”; “committing acts in the DRC that constitute human rights violations or abuses or violations of international humanitarian law, as applicable, including those acts involving the targeting of civilians, including killing and maiming, rape and other sexual violence, abduction, forced displacement, and attacks on schools and hospitals”; and “acting on behalf of or at the direction of a designated individual or entity, or acting on behalf of or at the direction of an entity owned or controlled by a designated individual or entity”, as reaffirmed by paragraph 2 of resolution 2688 (2023). As a leader of FDLR (CDe.005), he has effective command and control over the group’s combatants.

Accordingly, the prohibitions, travel ban, and arms embargo under sections 23, 24, 35 and 36 of the United Nations (Financial Prohibitions, Arms Embargo and Travel Ban) Sanctions Act apply with immediate effect to the above entries.

The Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List is also updated following changes made in the 1533 Sanctions List concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. An updated version of the Consolidated List is accessible via the following URL: <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>

The public and other stakeholders are urged to regularly check for any updates to the United Nations Sanctions Lists by accessing the above URL and comply with the relevant requirements under the Act.

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