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SUMMARY CHECKLIST FOR HUMANITARIAN SAFEGUARDS

Effective practices	Less effective practices
Type of safeguard	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Short, clear and simple language with few qualifiers ✓ Binding language ✓ Cross-cutting humanitarian exemptions that are applicable to all sanctions issued by the authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Lengthy, complex or unclear language ✗ Requires humanitarian actors to apply for a specific authorisation beforehand to conduct otherwise prohibited activities ✗ Non-binding language
Material scope – what are the authorised transactions?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Authorises a wide range of transactions, covering all kinds of transfers of funds and resources necessary for the delivery of humanitarian assistance ✓ Humanitarian safeguard applicable to all criminal offences that could potentially criminalise humanitarian activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Authorises only some transactions or dealings (e.g. payment of taxes, visas fees) ✗ Imposes a limitation on amounts of funds ✗ Humanitarian safeguard applicable to a single criminal offence
Material scope – what are the authorised activities?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Covers the widest possible range of activities in support of civilian needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Covers a narrow scope of strictly humanitarian activities ✗ Covers only activities in support of a specific population ✗ Covers only activities in a specific territory, in response to a specific crisis
Personal scope – what are the categories of covered humanitarian actors?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applies to humanitarian activities notwithstanding the category of actors ✓ Covers the widest range of humanitarian actors and explicitly applies to private sector actors (such as financial institutions) involved in supporting humanitarian response ✓ At minimum, covers all entities / NGOs funded or registered by the sanctioning state 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Applies to narrow categories or list of humanitarian actors ✗ Creates 'whitelist' of authorised humanitarian actors ✗ Creates a limitation that does not exist in international law ✗ Applies to humanitarian organisations "recognised" by international law
Temporal scope – how long is the humanitarian safeguard applicable?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Permanent safeguards / no time restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Time-bound and / or with periodical renewal