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Subject:	**EARLY WARNING** Full Powers for the signing of the Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (see docs. 7076/13 + Adds 1 to 35)

Without prejudice to the position any Member State may take with regard to the political decision on the possible signing of the aforementioned Agreement**,** in order to prepare for the signing ceremony, which is **envisaged to** take place in Vilnius on 29 November 2013, in the margins of the 3rd Eastern Partnership Summit, Member States are requested to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers* is duly issued, authorising their respective plenipotentiary to sign.

The original of these Full Powers, or at least a copy thereof, should be sent to the Council's Agreements Office [1] by the date of the signature, at the latest. In addition, Member States are requested to inform the Agreements Office, by email, of the name and title of their respective plenipotentiary by 26 November 2013 at the latest.

* Full Powers are required to be issued to any plenipotentiary who is not a Head of State, Head of Government or a Minister for Foreign Affairs (see Article 7 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties). However, those Member States' Permanent Representatives who have communicated to the General Secretariat of the Council a general authorisation from their authorities to sign EU Agreements on behalf of their country are exempt from this requirement.

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