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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**

Full Powers for the signing of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the European Satellite Navigation Programmes (see docs. 10503/13 & 10505/13)

This Communication replaces CM 4281/13 of 13 September 2013.

The signing ceremony of the above Agreement is now foreseen for the week of 16 December 2013 (place and exact date still to be confirmed).

To facilitate the signing process, it is therefore proposed that all Member States sign the Agreement beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be available for Member States' Ministers, or their authorised representatives, to sign in the margins of the TTE Council on 5 December 2013, or alternatively for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign in the margins of successive meetings of Coreper 2, as from 20 November 2013.

Member States are requested, if required*, to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers, authorising their plenipotentiary to sign this Agreement, is duly issued and deposited with the Council's Agreements Office¹ (for the attention of Ida Jacobsen).

Officials of the Council's Agreements Office will be present at the aforementioned meetings to circulate copies of the Agreement for signature.

* 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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