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Full Powers for the signing of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova (see docs. 8181/12 & 8185/12)

The signing ceremony of the abovementioned Agreement is foreseen to take place on 26 June 2012 in Brussels, in the margins of the EU-Moldova Cooperation Council.

To facilitate the signing process, it is therefore proposed that Member States sign this Agreement beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be made available at the Transport Council in Luxembourg on 7 June 2012 for those Member States' Transport Ministers*, duly authorised to sign the Agreement, to do so at that time. Alternatively, Member States' Permanent Representatives* or Deputy Permanent Representatives* may sign in the margins of successive meetings of either COREPER 1 or COREPER 2, as from 13 June 2012.

Member States are requested, if required*, to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers or a copy thereof, authorising their plenipotentiary to sign this Agreement, is duly issued and deposited with the Council's Agreements Office¹.

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 or Deputy 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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