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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**

Full Powers for the signing ceremony of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part (doc. 9776/16)

In order to prepare for the signing by Member States of the abovementioned Agreement, which is envisaged to take place in the margins of the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan on 5 October 2016, 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 Office¹ (for the attention of Ida JACOBSEN) by the date of the signature, 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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