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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**  
Full Powers for the signing ceremony of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part  
(ST 10968/16, ST 10968/16 ADD1-ADD16)

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In order to prepare for the signing by Member States of the abovementioned Agreement, which is envisaged to take place in Brussels on 27 October 2016, in the margins of the EU Canada 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<sup>1</sup> (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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