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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**

Full Powers for the signing ceremony of the Protocol of Accession to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the Accession of Ecuador

(ST 7621/16 + ADD1 - ADD13 and ST 7619/16)

With reference to communication CM 3666/16 of 28 July 2016, Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the Foreign Affairs (Trade) Council on 11 November 2016. The signature by the EU, Member States, Ecuador, Colombia and Peru is scheduled to take place in Brussels on the same date, 11 November 2016, at 13h00, in the margins of the Foreign Affairs (Trade) Council.

Member States are requested, if required *, to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers, or at least a copy thereof, authorising their plenipotentiary to sign this Agreement is duly issued and deposited with the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office ¹.

* 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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