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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**

Full Powers for the signing ceremony of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part
(ST.12966/16)

In order to prepare for the signing by Member States of the abovementioned Agreement, which is envisaged to take place on 3 February 2017, 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 Treaties and Agreements Office¹ (for the attention of Georgette ORPHANIDES) 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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