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Subject: REVISED - EARLY WARNING
Full Powers for the signing 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 **6 February 2017, at the margins of the Foreign Affairs Council**, Member States are requested to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers* is duly issued, authorising their respective plenipotentiary to sign.

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 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.

Officials of the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office will be present at the aforementioned meetings to circulate copies of the Agreement for signature.

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