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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)

With reference to communication **CM 1265/1/17 REV1** of 24 January 2017, Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is envisaged to be adopted by Written Procedure following its approval by Coreper II on 8 February 2017.

The Agreement will be available for Member States' Permanent Representatives to presign in the margins of Coreper II on 15 February 2017. Officials of the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office will be present at the aforementioned meeting to circulate copies of the Agreement for signature.

In light of this new arrangement 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, 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.

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