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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**
Full Powers for the signing of the Protocol to the Agreement of a Unified
Patent Court on provisional application
Date: 1 October 2015
Venue: Conference Centre - KIRCHBERG Building
4, Place de l'Europe
1499 — LUXEMBOURG

In order to prepare for the signing ceremony of the abovementioned Protocol, which is scheduled to take place in Luxembourg on 1 October 2015, in the margins of the Competitiveness Council, Member States intending to sign on that day 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 Office¹ (for the attention of Luc DE HERT) 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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