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## COMMUNICATION

### INFORMATION

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Subject: EARLY WARNING  
Full Powers for the signing ceremony of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part  
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Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the General Affairs Council on 26 June 2018.

In order to prepare for the signing by Member States of the abovementioned Agreement, which is envisaged to take place in Brussels on 11 July 2018, Member States are requested, if required \*, to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers, authorising their respective plenipotentiary to sign, is duly issued and deposited with the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office <sup>1</sup>.

\* 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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