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## **COMMUNICATION**

### **INFORMATION**

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Subject: EARLY WARNING  
Full Powers for the signing of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the other part  
(docs. 8224/14 + COR 1(es) + COR 2(pt) + COR 3(fr) + COR 4(es) + COR 5(de) + REV 1(da,nl) + REV 3(et) and 7322/18)

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Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg on 25 June 2018. Signature by the EU and Singapore is envisaged to take place in Singapore on 4 August 2018, in the margins of the Asean Regional Forum Ministerial meeting.

To facilitate the signing process, it is therefore proposed that all Member States sign the Agreement beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be available for Member States' Foreign Ministers, or their authorised representatives, to sign in the margins of the FAC on 25 June 2018 (if adoption is confirmed for this date), in the margins of the FAC on 16 July 2018 or, alternatively, for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign in the margins of successive meetings of Coreper 2, as from 4 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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