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 EARLY WARNING

 Full Powers for the signing ceremony of the Investment Protection Agreement

 between the European Union and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic

 of Singapore, of the other part

 (ST 7973/18 + ADD1 - ADD2 and ST 7974/18 + ADD1 - ADD2)

Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the AGRIFISH Council in Luxembourg on 15 October 2018.

In order to prepare for the signing by Member States of the abovementioned Agreement, which is envisaged to take place in Brussels on 18-19 October 2018, in the margins of the ASEM Summit, 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 ¹.

* 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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