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Subject: EARLY WARNING

Full Powers for the signing of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part

(ST 8459/18, ST 8461/18, ST 8463/18)

With reference to communication CM 2583/18 of 8 May 2018, Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the General Affairs Council in Luxembourg on 26 June 2018. The signature by the EU and Japan is envisaged to take place in Brussels on 11 July 2018, in the margins of the EU-Japan Summit.

Member States are required to sign the Agreement beforehand. To facilitate the signing process, the Agreement will be available for Member States' Ministers, or their authorised representatives, to sign in the margins of the GAC on 26 June 2018 (if adoption is confirmed for this date) or, alternatively, for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign in the margins of Coreper II on 27 June 2018 or 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 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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