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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(ro) + COR 2(pt) + COR 3(fr) + COR 4(es) + COR 5(de) + REV 1(da,nl) + REV 3(et) and 7322/18)

Further to the adoption of the abovementioned Agreement by Council on 16 July 2018, Member States are now informed that signature by the EU and Singapore is envisaged to take place in Brussels in the margins of the ASEM summit on 18-19 October 2018.

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 15 October 2018 and the GAC on 16 October 2018. Alternatively, it will be possible for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign in the margins of the Coreper 2 meetings of 3 and 10 October 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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