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Subject: EARLY WARNING - Full Powers for the signing of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of Malaysia, of the other part
(ST 10798/18, ST 10799/18, ST 10755/18 + ADD 1)

Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is now expected to be adopted by the Environment Council on 9 October 2018.

The signature by the EU and Malaysia 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 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 (Luxembourg). Alternatively, it will be possible for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign in the margins of the Coreper 2 meeting of 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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